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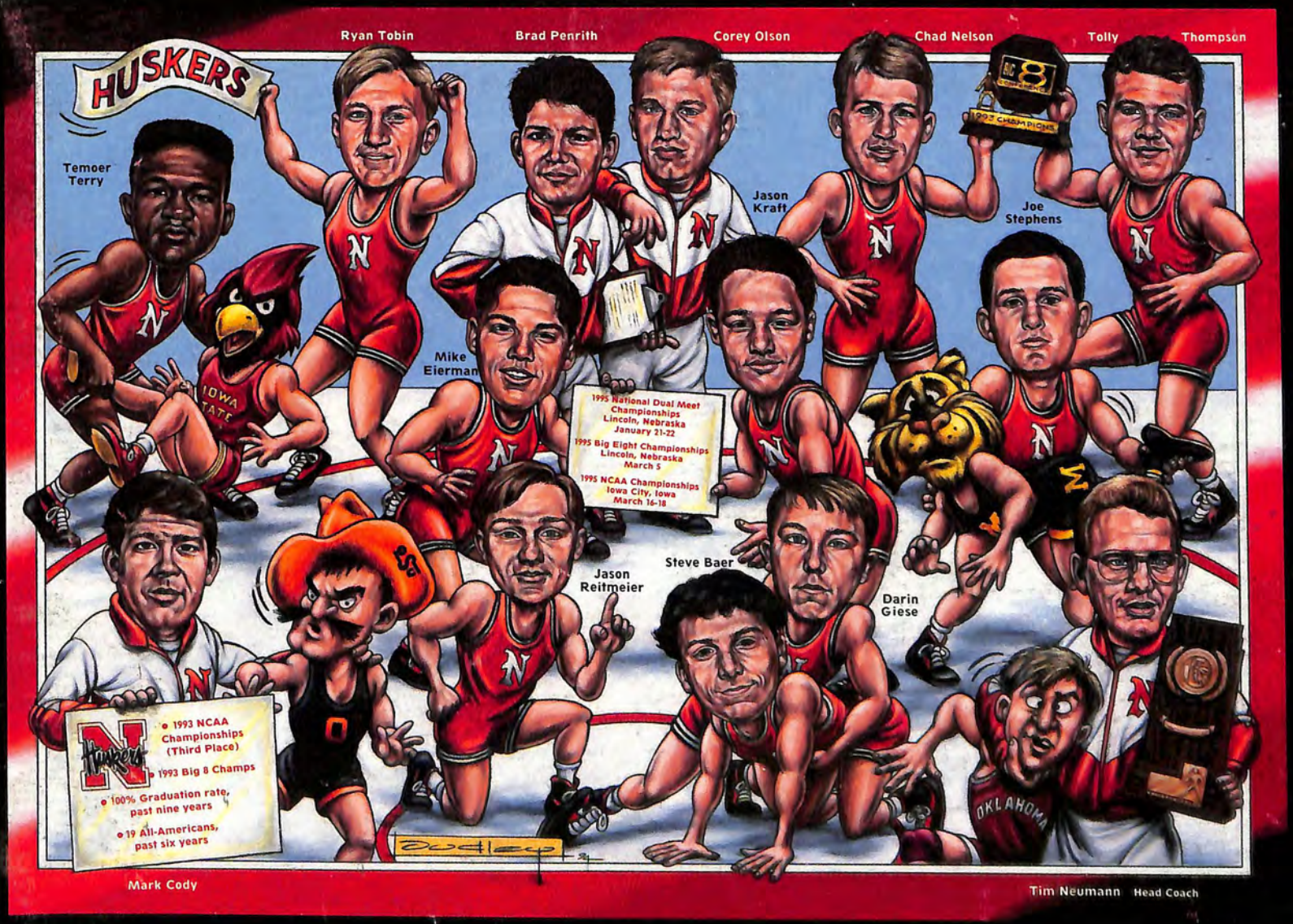

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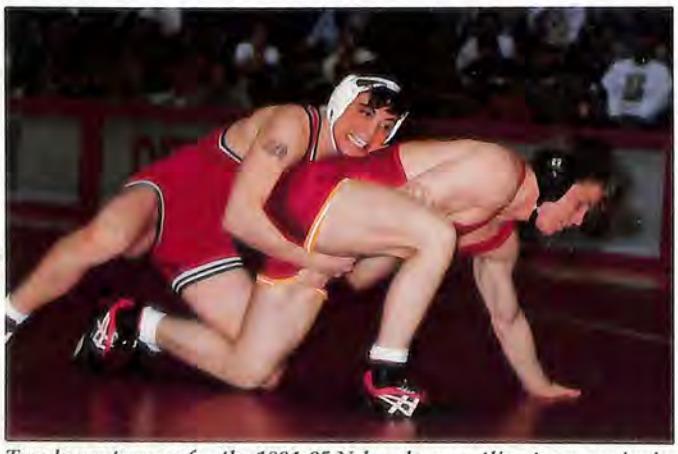
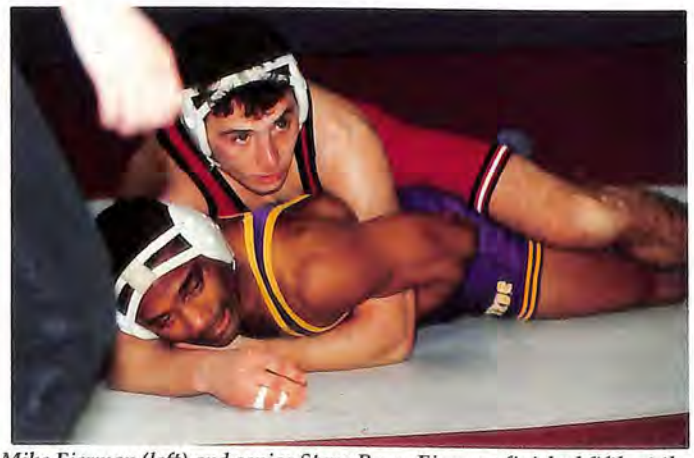
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

1994-95 Nebraska Wrestling Roster

Name	Yr.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)	High School Coach
Steve Baer	Sr.	126	Agoura Hills, Calif.	Rocky Reininger
Todd Baer	Jr.	150	Agoura Hills, Calif.	Rocky Reininger
Ryan Bauer	Fr.	142	Bismarck, N.D.	Scott Knowlen
Jeremy Boczulak	Jr.	158	New Milford, Conn.	Pat Burns
Brad Canoyer	So.	118/126	Griswald, Iowa (Carson-Macedonia)	John Steffens/Mitch Anderson
Monte Christensen	Fr.	167/177	Omaha, Neb. (Fort Calhoun)	Jim Meyer
Jose DeAnda	Fr.	126	South Sioux City, Neb.	Steve Gonshanowski
Tony DeAnda	Jr.	134	South Sioux City, Neb. (Bishop Heelan)	Richard Touney
Mike Eierman	Jr.	142	Chicago, Ill. (St. Laurence)	Tom Gauger
Clint Elsasser	So.	150	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)	Dick Caster
Joe Flasnick	Fr.	177/190	Alma, Neb.	Jon Davis
Darin Giese	So.	118	Bismarck, N.D.	Scott Knowlen
Allen Hankins	Fr.	134	Arkansas City, Kan.	Wayne Jackson
Matt Holovach	Fr.	190	Manhattan, Kan.	Lee Woodford
Matt Infranca	Fr.	118	Oak Grove, Mo.	Bob Glasgow
Erik Josephson	Jr.	167	Fort Dodge, Iowa (Iowa Cen. JC)	Ed Birnbaum
Jason Kraft	So.	158	Holbrook, N.Y. (Sachem North)	Jack Mahoney
Michael Liles	Fr.	142	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)	Mike Henderson
Kalin Makaiwi	Fr.	177/190	Raymond, Wash.	Jamie Webber/Doug Makaiwi
Kenny Mbah	Fr.	177	Columbia, Mo. (Hickman)	Joe Paulsen
Terry McCreary	Fr.	150	Chippewa Falls, Wis.	Charles McCreary
Matt McDonnell	Fr.	150	Sterling, Ill. (Newman)	Hans Hinrichsen
Dustin Morris	Fr.	142	Cody, Wyo.	Ken Piazza
Scott Munson	Fr.	167	Arkansas City, Kan.	Wayne Jackson
Chad Nelson	Jr.	167	Stewartville, Minn.	Dennis Kuisle
Jeff Nielsen	Fr.	118	Crete, Neb.	Doug Nielsen
Chauncey Parker	Fr.	126	Omaha, Neb. (North)	Curlee Alexander
Chad Pike	Fr.	158	Austin, Minn. (Hayfield)	David Erickson
Jason Reitmeier	So.	134	Bigelow, Minn. (Worthington)	Dale Solt, Dave Cummings
Jacob Roe	Fr.	142	Whitney Point, N.Y.	Bill MacNeill
Mike Roller	Fr.	158	Bixby, Okla.	Bobby Stites
Jason Schumacher	Fr.	177/190	Sioux Falls, S.D. (O'Gorman)	Jeff Gordon
Chris Steele	Fr.	167	Sargeant, Minn. (Hayfield)	David Erickson
Joe Stephens	Jr.	142	Centerville, Iowa	Mike Halupnick
Temoer Terry	So.	150	McPherson, Kan.	Rich Settle
Tolly Thompson	So.	Hwt.	Janesville, Iowa	Jeff Guard
Ryan Tobin	So.	190	Brandon, S.D. (Bradon Valley)	Tim Homan
Jeramie Welder	Fr.	126	Bismarck, N.D.	Scott Knowlen
Troy Williams	Fr.	126	Bixby, Okla.	Bobby Stites

Head Coach: Tim Neumann (10th year)
Assistant Coaches: Mark Cody, Brad Penrith
Volunteer Assistant: Corey Olson





Two key returnees for the 1994-95 Nebraska wrestling team are junior Mike Eierman (left) and senior Steve Baer. Eierman finished fifth at the 1993 NCAA Championships to earn All-America honors. Baer, Nebraska's only senior, posted a 27-17 record as a junior and should contend for conference and national honors this season.

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General Information

University of Nebraska Quick Facts

Location: Lincoln, Neb. 68588-0123
Enrollment: 24,000
Colors: Scarlet and Cream
Nickname: Cornhuskers, Huskers
Conference: Big Eight
Home Facility: Bob Devaney Sports Center
Capacity: 14,302
Chancellor: Dr. Graham B. Spanier
Athletic Director: Bill Byrne
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Career Record: same
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1993-94 Big Eight Finish: third
1993-94 NCAA Finish: 29th
1993-94 Dual Record: 12-6-0
Final National Dual Ranking: eighth
Returning All-Americans: None
Returning NCAA Qualifiers: Steve Baer (126), Temoer Terry (150), Jason Kraft (158), Ryan Tobin (177), Tolly Thompson (Hwt.)
Returning Big Eight Champions: None

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Combination of Returnees, Excellent Recruiting Classes

Most coaches would like to face the difficult decisions Nebraska wrestling coach Tim Neumann will encounter this season.

With four consecutive recruiting classes in the top six nationally, the Huskers are loaded with talent. However, such talent also leaves Neumann with some hard choices on who to put on the mat this winter.

"When you combine the guys who redshirted last year with the guys who competed last season it makes for a nice mixture," Neumann said. "We have more quality depth than we've ever had at Nebraska. When I say quality depth, I mean having guys as backups who are capable of being All-Americans."

If the talented squad performs to its potential, the Huskers could be primed for a run at a second Big Eight title in three seasons and a top-five finish at the national meet. Nebraska is led by seven returning starters, with six of them owning NCAA tournament experience.

Leading the way is Nebraska's lone senior, 126-pounder **Steve Baer**. A year ago, Baer finished with a 27-17 record and fell just one match short of earning All-America honors. Neumann expects better things from Baer this season.

"With the work he's put in this summer, Steve is capable of challenging for the top three in the nation," Neumann said. "He is probably 50 percent better than he was at the end of last season just because of the work he put in this summer."

In addition to Baer, Nebraska returns two juniors and four sophomores who started last season. 142-pounder **Mike Eierman** was a part-time starter last season, posting a record of 19-5. Eierman earned All-America honors as a freshman in 1993, finishing fifth at the NCAA Championships and posting an overall mark of 30-14.

"Mike started off great last year and was wrestling like he had a shot at the national title," Neumann said. "Then he had a really bad experience with a death of some close friends which hurt him mentally and emotionally and he never came back from it. He's put that behind him and he is as focused as he's ever been. He is capable of winning the national championship this season."

Nebraska's other junior returnee is 167-pounder **Chad Nelson.** Nelson was having a good sophomore season at 20-9, when he suffered a season-ending knee injury in the National Duals. Fully recovered from that injury, Nelson is expected to contend for All-America honors this year.

"Chad getting hurt, not only set him back, but our team as well," Neumann said. "He had a disappointing season for him, but he came back really fast from knee surgery. He was back on the mat in about three months and he has improved both his strength and technique."

The Huskers have an outstanding group of sophomores who had excellent freshman campaigns. The group is led by heavyweight **Tolly Thompson** who broke the Nebraska record for victories by a freshman, as he posted a 38-13 record. Neumann is expecting much bigger things from Thompson this year.

"Tolly has to have a goal of winning the national title this year," Neumann said. "Heavyweight is probably the best weight class in terms of returning competitors. You have at least five outstanding guys in that class. If Tolly can visualize himself being a national champion and have the confidence to do it, he is physically as capable as anyone we've ever had."

Three other sophomore starters return in **Temoer Terry** (150), **Jason Kraft** (158) and **Ryan Tobin** (190). Terry posted a 21-16 record last season, was a Big Eight runner-up and qualified for the NCAA Championships.

"Temoer has made the biggest jump in one season of anyone we've ever had in our program," Neumann said. "He's huge for the weight and he's unbelievably powerful and explosive. He is 10 points better than he was at the end of last season. He is capable of challenging for three consecutive national titles."

Kraft was also a Big Eight runner-up and national qualifier last season and posted a 26-13 overall mark.

"Kraft had a great record for a freshman last season," Neumann said. "Any freshman we've had who has had that type of record has gone on to become a three-time All-American. He could challenge for a top four spot in the country."

Tobin was the Huskers' most versatile wrestler a year ago, shifting between 177 and 190 and posting a 22-22 record. This season he will concentrate his time at 190.

"The durability Ryan showed as a true freshman wrestling 190, when he was realistically a 167-pounder, speaks well for his future," Neumann said. "I anticipate him making a run at being an All-American this season at 190 pounds."

Three other lettermen return for the Huskers, including sophomores **Darin Giese** (118) and **Jason Reitmeier** (134) and junior **Joe Stephens** (142).

Giese started at 118 for much of his freshman season in 1992-93, posting a 19-17 record. Last year Giese redshirted and posted a 12-8 record in open competition.

"Giese was thrown to the wolves as a true freshman," Neumann said. "One weekend he had to wrestle the top four guys in the country. He has improved as much as anyone in the last two years. We are counting on big things from Darin. He has to be our sparkplug and get things started."

Reitmeier is the likely starter at 134 pounds. Last season he backed up two-time Big Eight champion Frank Velazquez and posted an 18-9 record.

"Reitmeier is probably the most decorated recruit we've ever had as far as credentials coming out of high school," Neumann said. "He just hasn't had a chance to get in there and go. For a whole year now, he's known he is going to be a 134-pounder and he has lifted weights to get bigger."

Stephens was a starter as a true freshman in 1991-92 and participated in the NCAA Championships. He has been a valuable backup the past two seasons.

Ten returning lettermen will provide the nucleus for the 1994-95 Husker wrestling squad. Front row (from left)--Temoer Terry, Mike Eierman, Jason Reitmeier and Steve Baer; middle--Darin Giese; Back row--Joe Stephens, Tolly Thompson, Ryan Tobin, Jason Kraft and Chad Nelson.

Gives Husker Wrestling Squad Optimism for 1994-95 Season

"Joe has been anywhere from 134 to 150 since he's been here," Neumann said. "He has settled in at 142 and he looks real comfortable there. He has a lot of experience and will do a great job if he is in the lineup."

Neumann is excited about the group of returning lettermen, but said each one of those wrestlers must perform at a high level to keep their spot in the lineup. Others contending for starting jobs are **Brad Canoyer** (118-126), **Jeramie Welder** (126), **Mike Roller** (158), **Erik Josephson** (167) and **Kenny Mbah** (177).

Mbah is one of 15 recruits the Huskers signed last spring. The 1994 recruiting class has been ranked third in the nation by two separate publications. Coupled with a sixth-ranked class from the previous season, NU has outstanding young talent.

"This year's recruiting class is as good as any we've had," Neumann said. "I can't say that it's better than last year's or the year before because those are two pretty darn good classes. We'll have to wait a few years to see which is the best, but as far as attitude and work ethic this is the best class we've had."

Neumann said the balance and depth of the team is as good as any he's had in his 10 seasons as Nebraska's head man.

"We are going to be solid at every single weight," Neumann said. "We are going to be great at probably seven. That is going to make us a very hard team to beat in duals and by the end of the year we hope to have seven or eight guys ready to challenge for at least All-America honors."

Neumann hopes that depth also translates into a potential conference title and a high finish at the NCAA Championships.

"Our goal this season is to win the Big Eight and finish in the top five at nationals," Neumann said. "That is going to be hard to do because there are four or five teams that are really solid, so being in the top five is going to be a heck of a chore, especially with this young of a team. And to win the Big Eight we have to be capable of being in the top five at nationals."

Nebraska has extra motivation this season after a disappointing 29th place-finish at the 1994 NCAA Championships.

"Our performance at NCAA's motivated everybody to put in the best summer Nebraska has ever had," Neumann said. "It is also scary because it reminded me of the feelings I had when we first started the program here in the late '70's. You think you are pretty good and then you go to nationals and things fall apart. It is incredible to see how close you are to having that happen at any time. If anything, we are overdoing it in preparation to make sure it doesn't happen again."

The Huskers have an outstanding home schedule this season as they host both the National Duals and Big Eight Championships at the Nebraska Coliseum. The Duals are set for Jan. 21-22, and the conference meet will be held on Sunday, March 5. The NCAA Championships will be held at the University of Iowa's Carver-Hawkeye Arena on March 16-18.

Neumann believes having two big meets such as the National Duals and the Big Eight Championships at home could be a distinct advantage.

"We feel having a big meet like the Big Eights at home could give us 10 more points than if we were on the road," Neumann said. "That could be the difference between winning the conference title and finishing second."

Though Nebraska is still a young team with a bright future, Neumann isn't counting his team out of anything this season.

"Next year we are obviously going to be better than we are this year," Neumann said. "But we aren't looking at this as a setup year for the next three. We are looking to get everything we can out of it."

A Weight-by-Weight Preview

118--Sophomore Darin Giese comes off redshirt season and is the likely starter, with Brad Canoyer possibly dropping to this weight to challenge. Freshmen Matt Infranca and Jeff Nielsen are expected to redshirt. **Lost from last season:** Scott Gonyo, All-American, three-time NCAA qualifier.

126--Maybe Nebraska's deepest weight. Returning NCAA qualifier Steve Baer is the expected starter with several talented wrestlers challenging. The group behind Baer includes redshirt freshmen Canoyer, Jeramie Welder and Chauncey Parker and true frosh Jose DeAnda. **Lost:** none.

134--Sophomore Jason Reitmeier posted an 18-9 record in a backup role last season and is expected to start. Junior Tony DeAnda will challenge Reitmeier while freshman Allen Hankins will redshirt. **Lost:** Frank Velazquez, two-time Big Eight champion, two-time NCAA qualifier.

142--Junior Mike Eierman is expected to start at this spot. Eierman posted a 19-5 record last season after finishing fifth at the NCAA meet as a frosh. Junior Joe Stephens will push Eierman for the starting job, while Dustin Morris, Jacob Roe and Ryan Bauer will likely redshirt. **Lost:** Justin Ware, NCAA qualifier, Big Eight finalist.

150--Sophomore Temoer Terry returns after making the Big Eight finals and qualifying for the NCAA meet as a freshman. True freshman Matt McDonnell will likely redshirt. **Lost:** none.

158--Sophomore Jason Kraft and redshirt freshman Mike Roller will battle for the starting job. Kraft placed second at the Big Eight meet and qualified for the national tournament as a freshman. **Lost:** none.

167--Juniors Chad Nelson and Erik Josephson are both coming off knee injuries and will battle for the starting job. Freshmen Monte Christensen, Scott Munson and Chris Steele will all likely redshirt in their first season at NU. **Lost:** none.

177--True freshmen Kenny Mbah and Kalin Makaiwi will challenge for this position in the Nebraska starting lineup. **Lost:** none.

190--Sophomore Ryan Tobin settles in at 190 after moving between 177 and 190 last season. Tobin posted a 22-22 record and qualified for the NCAA meet last season. Freshmen Matt Holovach and Jason Schumacher are expected to redshirt. **Lost:** Russ Vering.

HWT--Sophomore Tolly Thompson should be one of the nation's top heavyweights this season. Thompson set the Nebraska frosh victory record with 38 wins last season. **Lost:** none.

Husker Coaching Staff

Tim Neumann

Head Coach

10th Year (115-46-4)
✓ 1990 National Coach-of-the-Year

✓ Two-time Big Eight Coach-of-the-Year

Just a decade ago, the Nebraska wrestling program was not mentioned among the nation's elite. However, since that time the Husker program has become a national leader on the mat, in recruiting and in the classroom. Coinciding with the Huskers' rise in prominence has been the coaching career of head coach Tim Neumann.

Neumann enters his 10th season at the helm of the Huskers as the winningest coach in NU history, with 115 career wins and a .709 winning percentage. He has led Nebraska to its highest NCAA finish, a third-place effort in 1993, and its first conference crown since 1949, also in 1993.

Nebraska had a sparkling 10-2 dual record in 1993, including victories over each of the former "Big Four" in collegiate wrestling: Iowa, Iowa State, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. The wins over Iowa and Oklahoma State were the first in Neumann's career. Neumann became the only coach in school history with victories over each of those four schools and the 1993 squad also became the first NU team to defeat those four schools in the same season.

The Huskers slipped slightly last season, finishing third in the Big Eight and 29th nationally. However, the Huskers remained one of the nation's top dual teams with a 12-6 mark and a fifth-place finish at the National Duals.

Husker 118-pounder Scott Gonyo finished sixth at 118 pounds at the NCAA Championships, giving Neumann a total of 21 national award winners. Included in that list are two 126-pound national champions, Tony Purler in 1993, and Jason Kelber in 1990. Last season, Neumann also coached Frank Velazquez to a second-straight 134-pound Big Eight title, bringing his total to 10 league champions.

Neumann's first milestone year came in 1990, when his fifth Husker squad turned in a performance similar to 1993. In guiding NU to a 21-2-1 dual record, a second-place Big Eight finish and a fifth-place showing at the NCAA Championships, Neumann's work did not go unnoticed. The 1989 Big Eight Coach-of-the-Year, he earned his second consecutive conference award and went on to share Amateur Wrestling News' National Coach-of-the-Year honors with Oklahoma State's Joe Seay.

Neumann joined the Husker staff in 1983 as an assistant under Bob Fehrs and helped guide the Huskers to a sixth-place finish at the 1983 NCAA Championships and a then-all-time best fourth place at the 1984 national tournament.

With the NCAA champion Scherr brothers, Bill and Jim, lost to graduation in 1984, the 1984-85 team struggled to an 8-14 season before Neumann took over as head coach in the fall of 1985.

As the interim coach in 1985-86, Neumann led Nebraska to a 12th-place finish at the NCAA meet and a 16-5 dual record, the best mark ever compiled by a first-year NU wrestling coach, and the then-third best record in Nebraska history.

In 1986-87, he coached Nebraska to its first dual win over Oklahoma since 1949. Since then, wins over Oklahoma have become commonplace as Neumann owns a 7-2-1 record against the Sooners, including six consecutive victories.

In 1987, the Huskers topped off the season with a 14th-place finish at the NCAA Tournament as Gil Sanchez became only the sixth Husker to reach the NCAA finals. For his efforts, Neumann finished fourth in AWN's Rookie Coach-of-the-Year balloting.

After an injury-plagued 1987-88 season ended with a 39th-place finish at the NCAA meet, Neumann brought the Huskers back into the national picture in 1989. Nebraska finished the season ranked No. 9 in AWN's final dual poll, the highest finish since the 1984 team finished fifth. The Huskers jumped to 17th place at the national meet, which marked the biggest one-season improvement by any of the Top 25 teams that year. In that season the Huskers defeated Iowa State for the first time in 35 tries. Neumann has since posted three more wins over ISU.

Following the milestone year in 1990, an injury-riddled 1991 season resulted in a 10th-place finish at nationals. However, Neumann coached his first national champion when 126-pounder Kelber captured the title.

In what was expected to be a rebuilding season, Nebraska finished a surprising 11th in the nation in 1992, setting the stage for the 1993 accomplishments.

Neumann has also become recognized as one of the nation's top recruiters. Neumann's freshman class this season was ranked third by AWN. The Huskers signed 11 prep All-Americans, the most any school has signed in one season. Neumann's 1986 and 1992 classes were also ranked third, while his 1988 class was second. Overall, the Huskers have put together five consecutive top-10 classes, and seven overall under Neumann.

Husker wrestlers are also successful in the classroom under Neumann. Six Huskers have earned Academic All-America honors in the past four years and the NU program boasts one of the nation's top graduation rates over the past decade.

Neumann originally came to Nebraska from Northern Michigan with Fehrs and completed his collegiate eligibility with the Huskers. In his only season with NU, he led the team to its first winning season in five years. The 1979-80 team captain, Neumann was 27-5 as a senior and qualified for the NCAA Championships, but was unable to compete because of two broken ribs.

A native of Peshtigo, Wis., Neumann graduated from Nebraska in 1980, with a bachelor's degree in physical education. Before joining the NU staff, Neumann spent two seasons as head coach at Plainville (Kan.) High School.

Neumann is married to the former Kay LaBumbard of Rapid River, Mich. The Neumanns have three children, 10-year-old daughter Chelsea and two sons, Clint, 7, and Chase, 2.

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Neumann's Milestones

✓ Neumann is the winningest coach in Nebraska history with 115 wins and a winning percentage of .709.

✓ Nebraska has produced 21 All-Americans in Neumann's nine years as head coach.

✓ Two Huskers have won national championships, while 10 wrestlers have won Big Eight titles.

✓ In 1993, Neumann guided the Huskers to their first conference crown in over 40 years and to their best-ever third-place finish at the NCAA Championships.

Husker Coaching Staff

The Neumann Era

YEAR	W	L	T	PCT	BIG 8	NCAA
1985-86	16	5	0	.762	4th	12th
1986-87	12	6	0	.666	4th	14th
1987-88	8	9	1	.472	4th	39th
1988-89	12	6	2	.625	4th	17th
1989-90	21	2	1	.896	2nd	5th
1990-91	11	6	0	.647	3rd	10th
1991-92	13	4	0	.765	3rd	11th
1992-93	10	2	0	.833	1st	3rd
1993-94	12	6	0	.666	3rd	29th
Totals	**115**	**46**	**4**	**.709**		

Big Eight Champions: Cody Olson (177), 1987; Sonny Manley (Hwt), John Buxton (118, Outstanding Wrestler), 1990; Joe Malecek (Hwt), 1990; Jason Kelber (126, Outstanding Wrestler), 1991; Chris Nelson (190, Outstanding Wrestler), 1992; Tony Purler (126), 1993; Frank Velazquez (134); 1993; Matt Lindland (158), 1993; Frank Velazquez (134), 1994.

NCAA Finalists: Gil Sanchez (134)--2nd. 1987; Jason Kelber (126) --2nd, 1990; **Jason Kelber (126)--1st, 1991;** Corey Olson (177)--2nd, 1992; **Tony Purler (126)--1st, 1993;** Corey Olson (177)--2nd, 1993.

Recruiting Classes (rank by Amateur Wrestling News):
*1984--9th; 1985--18th; 1986--3rd; 1987--26th; 1988--2nd; 1990--9th, 1991--5th, 1992--3rd, 1993--6th, 1994--3rd.

* Assistant coach

NCAA Champions in bold

Tim Neumann, entering his 10th season as Husker coach, became the winningest coach in NU history in 1993 and currently has 115 career dual victories.

Nebraska Career Coaching Log

Coach	Yrs.	W	L	T	.Pct
John Kellogg, 1926-31	4	13	14	1	.482
R.G. Lehman, 1931-32	1	2	3	0	.400
Harold Ecklund, and C.E. Thomas, 1932-33	1	0	2	0	.000
Jerry Adams, 1933-47	11	17	72	4	.204
B.R. Patterson, 1947-50	3	12	19	1	.391
Al Partin, 1950-54	4	15	24	2	.390
Don Strasheim, 1954-57	3	3	25	0	.107
Bill Smith, 1957-60	3	2	31	1	.074
Mickey Sparano, 1960-61	1	5	3	1	.611
Robert Mancuso, 1961-64	3	15	20	1	.431
Orval Borgialli, 1964-78	14	75	101	5	.430
Bob Fehrs, 1978-85	7	97	51	2	.653
Tim Neumann, 1985-	9	115	46	4	.709
Totals	**64**	**371**	**411**	**22**	**.475**

OPPONENT	W	L	T
Adams State	1	0	0
Air Force	1	0	0
Arizona State	1	2	1
Ashland	1	0	0
Augsburg	1	0	0
Boise State	1	0	0
Brigham Young	1	1	0
Brown	1	0	0
Cal State-Fullerton	**2**	**0**	**0**
Carson Newman	1	0	0
Central Oklahoma	3	0	0
Clarion	0	2	0
Clemson	**6**	**1**	**0**
Cornell	1	0	0
Drake	6	0	0
Indiana	4	0	0
Iowa	1	1	0
Iowa State	**4**	**8**	**0**
Lock Haven	2	0	0
Michigan	0	1	0
Minnesota	**6**	**3**	**0**
Missouri	**7**	**1**	**1**
Nebraska-Omaha	**7**	**0**	**0**
North Carolina	1	1	0
North Dakota	5	0	0
North Dakota State	3	2	0
Northern Illinois	3	0	0
Northern Iowa	**5**	**4**	**0**
Northern Montana	2	0	0
Northwestern	1	0	0
NW Missouri State	2	0	0
Notre Dame	6	1	0
Ohio State	**1**	**1**	**0**
Oklahoma	**7**	**2**	**1**
Oklahoma State	**1**	**11**	**0**
Penn State	1	2	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	1
Portland State	1	0	0
Purdue	2	0	0
SIU-Edwardsville	2	0	0
UT-Chattanooga	2	0	0
Utah State	2	0	0
Virginia	1	0	0
Weber State	1	0	0
West Virginia	1	0	0
Wyoming	7	2	0
Totals	**115**	**46**	**4**

1994-95 Nebraska opponents in bold.

A Conversation With Coach Tim Neumann

Why do you enjoy coaching wrestling at Nebraska?

"I think it is every coach's dream to be able to coach at their alma mater. With the support our administration has given us over the years, it has allowed our staff to put together a program that has a good balance between academic and athletic emphasis. We are the only Division I wrestling program in the state so we have the entire state's support both financially and in terms of spectators."

What is your general coaching philosophy?

"I want my student-athletes to understand the value of a great education as well as a first-class experience in their wrestling career. I truly believe that a wrestler in this program should be well-versed in all aspects of wrestling. This includes freestyle, Greco-Roman and the collegiate style of wrestling. I believe that our athletes should be the best-conditioned and most exciting wrestlers in the nation. We try to strengthen what our new people bring in with them and we try to educate them in areas where they may have weaknesses."

How do you feel Nebraska's tradition and expectations have changed in the last few years?

"Any student-athlete that comes to the University of Nebraska understands that they are part of a program that expects to challenge for the Big Eight and national championships year in and year out. This has changed from six or seven years ago when we traditionally had one or two All-Americans a year. Now we expect our young men to work toward being three and four-time All-Americans and national champions."

The 1994-95 Husker coaching staff. Clockwise from left, Student Assistant Frank Velazquez, Assistant Coach Mark Cody, Volunteer Assistant Corey Olson, Head Coach Tim Neumann and Assistant Coach Brad Penrith.

What goals do you have for the wrestling program at Nebraska?

"It has become apparent over the last three or four years that with the type of young men we have brought into the program, that any goal less than winning the Big Eight and national championships is not worthy of what this program should and will produce."

What do you expect of wrestlers in your program?

"First, I expect our student-athletes to understand the importance of their college education. They must find an equitable balance between academics and athletics. Next, I expect these young men to trust the coaching staff to develop them into the type of individual that can handle the pressures that go along with being in a big-time wrestling program such as Nebraska. Lastly, we expect our wrestlers to commit themselves to excellence both on and off the mat."

What is your philosophy on redshirting freshmen?

"We like to give our incoming student-athletes a year to adjust to the new freedoms they encounter. However, each individual is looked at as a separate case. If a student-athlete has demonstrated through the open tournaments and practice that he has the potential to be an All-American and is handling the academic load well enough, then the possibility of him competing for the varsity that year is good."

Why is Nebraska a unique place for student-athletes to wrestle?

"Most of the student-athletes in our program are from a different part of the country. The level of wrestling in Nebraska is improving, however, we still bring in most of our people from out of state. Since we have so many out-of-state wrestlers, they seem to bond together and form a very tight family. This helps student-athletes make the transition from high school to college in their first year."

How do you think your excellent home attendance has helped your program?

"Through the years our home crowd has given us a decided advantage in several key meets. The best examples are the 1993 National Duals, when we defeated Iowa and Iowa State in the same day, and the 1990 Big Eight Championships (second-place finish). Both of those meets had an electric atmosphere and gave me the feeling Nebraska wrestling had reached a new level of competition."

Do you feel the National Duals are a plus for collegiate wrestling?

"The National Dual Meet Championships give the top 13 Division I teams an opportunity to test their own program's strength against each other at mid-season. This meet has been used as a springboard to the NCAA Championships in terms of lineup adjustments, workout intensity and technical adjustments by the best coaches in wrestling. It also gives the wrestling fan the opportunity to witness several of the best dual matches of the season in one weekend. We were fortunate to land the National Duals when we did. The tournament is still in its infancy and we feel with the television exposure, this meet has elevated itself to one of the two premier meets during the season, along with the NCAA Championships."

What are the highlights of your coaching career?

"The first one that comes to mind is when Jason Kelber and Scott Chenoweth became All-Americans in 1988. They were the first two athletes recruited during my tenure that gained All-America honors. The next one has to be our first win over Oklahoma in 1986, with a young and inexperienced squad. The last one would be the 1993 season with wins over all of the "Big Four" (Iowa, Iowa State, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State) and also winning the Big Eight title and finishing third at the NCAA Championships."

Coaching Staff

Mark Cody
Assistant Coach
Seventh Year

A key person in the resurgence of the Nebraska wrestling program is seventh-year assistant Mark Cody, who begins his third year as Nebraska's top assistant.

Cody assumed the top assistant coaching position in October of 1992. Cody is the man responsible for the development of the upper weights and recruiting the Eastern region of the country.

The Huskers have had success at the upper weights, throughout Cody's coaching career. Last season freshman heavyweight Tolly Thompson eclipsed the NU record for frosh victories with 38 wins. Cody has also been responsible for the development of several All-Americans including three-time honorees Corey Olson and Scott Chenoweth. Overall, Nebraska has produced 10 All-Americans and four Big Eight champions in the four upper weights during Cody's six seasons.

Head Coach Tim Neumann said Cody has been an integral part of Nebraska's success in recent years.

"We've had a lot of success at the upper weights in the past few years," Neumann said. "Mark has played a significant role in the development of several of our All-Americans like Corey Olson, Chris Nelson and Scott Chenoweth. He is one of the primary reasons that we are consistently solid at the upper weights."

Before he arrived at Nebraska prior to the 1987-88 season, Cody was an assistant coach at Missouri for the 1985-86 season and then served as an assistant at Bloomsburg and Oklahoma State.

A three-time collegiate All-American, Cody spent two years at the State University of New York and Dehli and then transferred to Missouri in 1982.

Cody earned his bachelor's degree in business. A member of of the New York Athletic Club, Cody was a 198-pound finalist at the 1988 U.S. Olympic Trials.

During his high school career, Cody competed with fellow Husker assistant Brad Penrith for the New York Section IV team at the New York State Championships. A native of Binghamton, N.Y., Cody is single.

Brad Penrith
Assistant Coach
Third Year

Accomplished international wrestler and NCAA Champion Brad Penrith begins his third year as coach of the Huskers' lighter weights.

Penrith joined the Nebraska staff after a one-year stint at Boise State University in 1991-92. Prior to that, Penrith served as an assistant at Arizona State for two years (1990-91) and as a graduate assistant at Iowa.

Penrith competed collegiately for the University of Iowa, where he earned All-America honors three times, including a national championship at 126 pounds in 1986. Penrith was runner-up at that weight in both 1987 and 1988. Originally a walk-on, Penrith was also a three-time Big Ten champion for the Hawkeyes, including 1986, when he was named Outstanding Wrestler at the meet.

Penrith has also been a standout performer for the United States at the international level. Last summer, Penrith added a bronze medal at the Goodwill Games and a second-place showing at the U.S. Open to his list of accomplishments.

Among Penrith's other international honors are a gold medal at the 1991 Pan American Games, and a silver medal at the 1991 World Championships. Penrith was also an alternate for the 1992 United States Olympic team and in the summer of 1993, Penrith added his third national open title to his list of accomplishments.

Last season, Nebraska's Scott Gonyo earned All-America honors at 118 and Frank Velazquez won the Big Eight title at 134. In two seasons Penrith has helped develop five All-Americans and three Big Eight champions. Head Coach Tim Neumann said Penrith's impact on the Husker program is obvious.

"Having five All-Americans and three conference champons in two seasons speaks for itself," Neumann said. "Brad brings excellent coaching skills and experience to our program."

A native of Windsor, N.Y., Penrith was a four-time state medal-winner in high school, and was state champion as a sophomore in 1981. Penrith competed with fellow Husker assistant Mark Cody on the same sectional team in high school. Penrith is married to the former Laura Wood, of Waukee, Iowa.

Corey Olson
Volunteer Assistant

One of the most accomplished wrestlers in Nebraska history, Corey Olson will again serve as a volunteer assistant for the Huskers this season.

Olson competed on the mat for the Huskers from 1990-93. He earned All-America honors three times, finishing third as a redshirt freshman in 1990 and placed second in both his junior and senior seasons.

The 177-pound standout is prominent in the Nebraska record books. He ranks third in career victories at NU, as he posted an overall mark of 115-28. Included in that total is two 30-win seasons in 1990 and 1992, and a 29-4 record as a senior in 1993.

Olson is one of the most prolific pinners in collegiate history and his 67 career falls places him second on the Husker charts, just one behind career leader Gary Albright. He also owns three of the top six spots on the single-season falls chart, compiling 21, 19 and 18 falls in three separate seasons.

In addition to helping out with the Husker upper weights, Olson is in charge of the Huskerland Wrestling Club. Organized in the summer of 1993, Huskerland is a non-competitive club which stresses training, practice techniques and other aspects of wrestling. The club is open to wrestlers of all ages and club members in the open division will compete in tournaments throughout the season.

A native of Hayfield, Minn., Olson is single.

Husker Returnees

Steve Baer

126...Sr...Agoura Hills, Calif.
✔ NCAA Qualifier

Steve Baer enters his senior season as a Husker primed to contend for conference and national honors at 126 pounds. Baer finished last season with a 27-17 overall mark and was nationally-ranked for much of the year.

At the NCAA Championships...1994--Posted a 3-2 record at the NCAA meet and fell just one win short of All-America status. Baer entered the meet unseeded, but upended 10th seed Dontae Smith of Morgan State in the first round, 12-8. Baer dropped a hard-fought 6-4 decision to No. 7 seed Chris Russo of Indiana in the second round. He bounced back with two consolation victories before being eliminated by top-seeded Nick Purler of Oklahoma State, 9-3.

At the Big Eight Championships...1994--Entered the meet as the second seed, but lost a 13-4 semifinal decision to Oklahoma All-American Shawn Harrison. Baer rebounded to defeat Iowa State's Ken Hron 4-1 for third place.

Season Notes...1994--Baer was one of the Huskers most consistent performers in his first season at Nebraska after transferring from the University of Minnesota, compiling a 27-17 overall record. Of his 17 losses, 13 came against nationally-ranked opponents, including seven against opponents ranked first or second. Baer jumped into the rankings in late January after an impressive two-week stretch that included a 6-4, overtime upset of Indiana's seventh-ranked Russo and a heart-breaking 11-9, overtime loss against OSU's No. 1 Purler. He posted a dual record of 8-10 on the season. Baer finished second at the Wyoming and Great Plains Opens, third at the Omaha Open and sixth at the Las Vegas Invitational.

1993--Baer started for Minnesota for much of 1993 season and finished with a 17-4 record. Baer won championships at the Midwest Championships and Bison Open. He defeated current Husker teammate Darin Giese, 6-1, in a dual between NU and the Gophers.

1992--Baer finished the season with a record of 16-8, while splitting time between 126 and 134, and recorded a fifth-place finish at the Bison Open.

1991--Baer redshirted in his first season at Minnesota.

Other--Baer placed fourth at the California state tournament at 105 pounds and earned all-conference and all-state honors. He posted an overall prep record of 84-5, including a streak of 45 consecutive wins. Baer was also a member of Agoura's football and basketball teams.

Personal--The son of William and Judy Baer, Steve is majoring in journalism with a minor in marketing. Steve's brother Todd is also a member of the Husker wrestling squad.

Mike Eierman

142...Jr...Chicago, Ill.
(St. Laurence HS)
✔ 1993 All-American
✔ 1993 Big Eight Finalist

An All-American in 1993 and part-time starter last season, junior Mike Eierman is expected to contend for conference and national honors this season at 142 pounds.

At the NCAA Championships...1994--Eierman did not compete in the meet.

1993--Eierman entered the meet seeded 11th at 142 and was one of the big surprises of the meet as he reached the semifinals and finished fifth. He pinned Tony Evans of Boise State in the opening round, before pulling two upsets as he defeated Illinois' sixth-seeded Steve Marianetti (3-2) in round two and third-seed Tom Shifflet of Edinboro (11-9, OT) in the quarterfinals. Eierman lost to second-seed Gerry Abas of Fresno State in the semifinals and then went 1-1 in the consolation round to finish fifth at the meet, with a 4-2 record.

At the Big Eight Championships...1994--Eierman did not compete at the Big Eight Championships.

1993--Eierman entered the meet seeded first and scored an 18-8 major decision over Mike Collins of Missouri in the opening round. He lost a 12-7 decision to Iowa State's Jodie Wilson in the finals, ending a seven-match win streak.

Season Notes...1994--Eierman began the season in All-America form as he won his first 14 matches of the season. Included in that stretch were championships at the Wyoming and Omaha Opens and a third-place finish at the Las Vegas Invitational. Eierman was ranked as high as No. 4 at 142 pounds early in the season. Included in his season-opening win streak was one pin, six major decisions and two technical falls. Missed several matches in January for personal reasons and was replaced in the starting lineup by Justin Ware. Eierman finished the year with a 19-5 record. Four of Eierman's five losses came against opponents ranked in the top seven nationally. He finished the season with three pins, eight major decisions and two technical falls and posted a 4-4 dual record.

1993--Eierman opened the season with an 11-1 record, including a championship at the Wyoming Open and a second-place finish at the Omaha Open. Had a 14-5 record in the first semester, but slumped in January with an 8-10 mark. Eierman won seven of his last eight matches to move into the national rankings at No. 11 prior to the NCAA Championships. Eierman posted five wins over ranked wrestlers, including three against Shifflet.

Other--He finished fifth at the Illinois state tournament as a freshman and second as both a junior and senior. He was a four-time Catholic League MVP at St. Laurence High School.

Personal--The son of John and Sandy Eierman, Mike is a family science major.

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Darin Giese

118...So...Bismarck, N.D.

After sitting out the 1994 season as a redshirt, sophomore Darin Giese returns to the starting 118-pound slot he held for the Huskers two seasons ago.
Season Notes...1994--Giese redshirted in 1994 and posted a 12-8 record, in open tournaments, including a fifth-place finish at the Omaha Open.
1993--Giese had a 19-17 record as Nebraska's starter at 118 pounds, until senior John Buxton replaced him for the Big Eight and national meets. Giese had a 12-3 record prior to the Las Vegas Invitational in December, with winning streaks of five and six matches. Had a 2-10 dual record and finished first at the Wyoming Open, third at the Omaha Open and seventh in the Great Plains Open.
Other--Giese was ranked as the No. 3 recruit at 118 pounds by Amateur Wrestling News in 1992. He was a three-time North Dakota state champion at Bismarck High School, which was ranked as the second-best prep team in the nation in 1992. He posted an overall record of 115-9 in his high school career. Giese, NU redshirt freshman Jeramie Welder and true freshman Ryan Bauer were teammates at Bismarck High School.
Personal--The son of Harlan and Sharon Giese, Darin majors in natural sciences with a minor in secondary eduction.

Jason Kraft

158...So...Holbrook, N.Y.
(Sachem North Campus HS)
✔ Big Eight Finalist
✔ NCAA Qualifier
✔ Second-Team AWN
Freshman All-American

Jason Kraft enters his second season as the Husker starter at 158 pounds looking to improve on an impressive freshman season. Kraft recorded a 26-13 record in 1994, was a Big Eight finalist and an NCAA qualifier.
At the NCAA Championships...1994--Kraft entered the meet unseeded and posted a 2-2 record. He opened the tournament with an 11-6 victory over Bloomsburg's Andy Fitzpatrick in the preliminary round. He followed with a 4-2, overtime win over Indiana's Josh McClain. In the next round, four-time national champion Pat Smith of Oklahoma State defeated Kraft 26-11. Kraft was then eliminated by Jim Andrassy of Kent in the consolation bracket.
At the Big Eight Championships...1994--Kraft was seeded second and defeated Missouri's Mike Collins 7-4 in the semifinals. He lost a 20-9 decision to OSU's top-ranked Smith in the finals.
Season Notes...1994--He finished with a record of 26-13 in his first year of varsity action and was named a second-team Amateur Wrestling News Freshman All-American. Kraft stood at 8-7 after a loss to top-ranked Pat Smith on Jan. 7, but won 18 of his last 23 matches to finish 26-13. Three of five losses in final stretch of season were against Smith, with another loss against Minnesota's nationally-ranked Zac Taylor. Kraft had a 13-5 dual record on the season, for a 46-18 dual-point edge. He placed second at the Omaha Open, fourth at the Wyoming Open and seventh at the Great Plains Open. Kraft recorded two pins, two technical falls and four major decisions on the year.
1993--Kraft redshirted in his first season at Nebraska and finished with a 5-2 record in open tournaments.
Other--Kraft was an Amateur Wrestling News fourth-team All-American at 152 pounds in 1992. He had a career record of 80-4 at Sachem North Campus High School, where he won the New York state championship at 155 pounds in 1992 and was named the meet's most valuable performer. He went on to place third at 160 pounds at the 1992 National High School Wrestling Championships. As a junior, Kraft finished fourth at the New York state meet. Kraft finished second at 163 pounds in the Junior World Trials in the summer of 1992, was a two-time Junior Northeast Regional Champion and was fourth at the National Cadet (16 and under) Championships in 1990. He was also captain of the Sachem football team in 1991.
Personal--The son of Pamela Varrichio, Kraft is a business major.

Chad Nelson

167...Jr...Stewartville, Minn.
✔ Two-year Letterman

The Husker starter at 167 pounds last season, junior Chad Nelson returns to the lineup this year after recovering from reconstructive knee surgery last February.
Season Notes...1994--Nelson posted a record of 20-9, before injuring his left knee in a match against Iowa State's Barry Weldon at the National Duals. Nelson won 167-pound championships at the Wyoming and Kearney Opens and finished second at both the Omaha and Great Plains Opens. He opened the season with seven consecutive victories, then dropped his next two matches. Nelson later reeled off nine consecutive victories from Dec. 11 to Jan. 8. Included in that stretch of victories was a 7-6 win over eventual national champion Mark Branch of Oklahoma State in a dual between the two teams on January 7. Nelson had five pins, two technical falls

Sophomore Jason Kraft earned second-team freshman All-America honors last season as he qualified for the NCAA Championships and posted a 26-13 overall mark.

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and five major decisions on the season. He posted a 6-6 dual record on the season. Nelson was one of two Husker team captains along with senior Frank Velazquez.

1993--As a freshman, Nelson posted a mark of 19-5 and had a 5-2 dual record, while filling in for injured starter Tommy Robbins for a month at mid-season. Nelson had five major decisions, a technical fall and a pin during the 1993 season. He placed third at the Wyoming, Omaha and Great Plains Opens and posted a seven-match winning streak during the season.

1992--Nelson redshirted and competed in open tournaments and posted an 11-7 record in exhibition action. He finished third at the Midwest Championships and fifth at the Wyoming Open. Nelson was named Nebraska's Redshirt-of-the-Year.

Other--Nelson was rated the No. 7 overall recruit by Amateur Wrestling News in 1991. He was a three-time Minnesota state champion at 171 pounds and had a 107-match win streak during his career at Stewartville High School. The streak ended with a draw. Nelson was a second-team All-America selection by Amateur Wrestling News and was named Minnesota Wrestler-of-the-Year in 1991. Nelson is one of four Minnesota natives on the Nebraska roster, along with Chad Pike, Jason Reitmeier and Chris Steele.

Personal--The son of Mark and Sue Nelson, Chad is a finance major.

Jason Reitmeier

134...So...Bigelow, Minn.
(Worthington HS)

One of the nation's most highly recruited wrestlers in 1992, Jason Reitmeier is set for his first season in the Husker starting lineup at 134 pounds.

Season Notes...1994--Reitmeier was a valuable backup for the Husker lightweights for the entire season. He posted an overall record of 18-9, inlcuding a 1-4 mark in dual competition. His one victory was a pin of Iowa State's Ken Hron in 42 seconds at the National Duals. That pin helped key an easy 32-11 Husker victory. Ten of Reitmeier's 18 victories on the season came by pin, including his first three matches of the season. Reitmeier opened the season by winning his first six matches. He won a championship at the Worthington and South Dakota State Opens, finished second at the Wyoming Open, third at the Great Plains Open and fifth at the Omaha Open.

1993--Reitmeier posted a 16-5 record in open tournaments as a redshirt. He placed first at the Omaha Open, third at the Bison Open and fourth in the Midwest Championships. Reitmeier had a winning streak of eight matches during the season.

Other--Reitmeier was active in outside competition this summer as he earned a Bronze medal at the U.S. Olympic Festival at 136 pounds. His 1993 summer was also a busy one as he placed second at the U.S. Olympic Festival, fourth in the Greco-Roman Nationals and sixth in the University Freestyle Nationals. He was an Amateur Wrestling News First-Team All-American at 130 pounds at Worthington High School, where he was a two-time Minnesota state champion. He compiled an overall 123-8 prep record, including a 34-1 mark as a senior. He was a two-time United States Junior National Champion at 123 pounds. He placed second at 127.5 pounds in the Junior World Championships in 1992. Reitmeier is one of nine Minnesota state champions to sign with the Huskers during Tim Neumann's 10 years as a head coach and is one of four Minnesota natives on the 1994-95 Husker roster, along with Chad Nelson, Chad Pike and Chris Steele.

Personal--The son of Al and Connie Reitmeier, Jason is an elementary education major.

Joe Stephens

142...Jr...Centerville, Iowa
✔ NCAA Qualifier

After two seasons as a backup at 150 pounds, Stephens, an NCAA qualifier in 1992, moves to 142 pounds where he is expected to challenge All-American Mike Eierman.

Season Notes...1994--Stephens posted an overall mark of 11-8, including a third-place finish at the Wyoming Open to open the year. Stephens wrestled one dual match for the Huskers, dropping a match to 14th-ranked Moss Grays of Clarion early in the season.

1993--Stephens sat out the season as a redshirt and posted a 15-9 record in open competition. He finished fourth at the Omaha Open and seventh at the Midwest Championships. Stephens won four matches by major decision and two by technical fall.

1992--A true freshman, Stephens finished the season with an overall record of 10-21-1 and competed in the NCAA Championships at 134 pounds. He was a late replacement for John Hiffernan, who suffered a knee injury in preparation for the Championships. Stephens lost to No. 4 seed Wayne McMinn of Arizona State 11-5 in the first round. He finished fourth at the Big Eight meet, with a 1-2 record. Stephens opened the season as the Husker starter at 134 pounds and posted a 5-3-1 record, including a first-place finish in the freshman/sophomore division at the Omaha Open. He moved up to 142 in late December to help strengthen the Husker lineup and had a 5-17 record at that weight.

Other--He was a three-time state qualifier at Centerville High School and placed second in the state as a junior and fourth as a senior.

Personal--An economics major, Stephens is the son of Pat and Connie Stephens.

Junior Chad Nelson is back at full strength after suffering a knee injury last season. Nelson posted a 20-9 record as the starter at 167 pounds last season and owns a career mark of 39-14 in two seasons.

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Temoer Terry IV

150...So...McPherson, Kan.
✔ Big Eight Finalist
✔ NCAA Qualifier
✔ Third-Team AWN Freshman All-American

Temoer Terry enters his second season looking to build on an outstanding season last year as a true freshman. Terry posted a 21-16 record as a freshman, reached the Big Eight finals and qualified for the NCAA Championships.

At the NCAA Championships...1994--Terry entered the meet unseeded and posted a 1-2 record. He lost a 12-3 major decision to eventual NCAA runner-up Brian Harper of Michigan in the opening round. Rebounded to defeat 11th-seed Tom Shifflet of Edinboro 14-4 in the consolation round. Terry was eliminated by No. 3 seed Jake Gaier of Cal-Poly.

At the Big Eight Championships...1994--Terry was the second seed at the meet and defeated Missouri's Todd Sacksteder 3-2 in the semifinals. He nearly captured the Big Eight title, losing to Oklahoma State's fourth-ranked Jacob Newby 5-4 in the finals.

Season Notes...1994--Terry had a 21-16 overall record on the year, including a 7-8 dual mark and earned third-team Amateur Wrestling News Freshman All-America honors. He made his season debut at the Omaha Open where he won the 150-pound title and captured Outstanding Wrestler honors. Terry reeled off nine consecutive victories to begin the season. In addition to his title at Omaha, Terry placed eighth at both the Las Vegas Invite and Great Plains Open.

Other--Terry was a four-time state finalist at McPherson (Kan.) High School, including three state titles. Temoer finished his high school career with an overall mark of 79-3. He was also the 1992 World Team Greco-Roman Trials Champion and was a 1991 Cadet National Freestyle and Greco-Roman champion. Terry placed fourth at both the World Greco-Roman Team Championships and the Greco-Roman Junior Nationals in 1992. Also participated in soccer and track where he finished fourth in the state in the 400 meters.

Personal--The son of Temoer III and Venita Terry, Temoer is a business administration major.

Sophomore Temoer Terry finished last season with a 21-16 record and qualified for the NCAA Championships.

Tolly Thompson

Hwt...So...Janesville, Iowa
✔ Nebraska Freshman Victory Record
✔ NCAA Qualifier
✔ Third-Team AWN Freshman All-American

Coming off a Nebraska record for victories by a freshman, Tolly Thompson enters this season as one of the nation's top heavyweights. Last season, Thompson qualified for the NCAA Championships and posted a 38-13 record.

At the NCAA Championships...1994--Thompson entered the meet as the No. 11 seed and received a bye in the first round. In the second round he dropped a 3-1, sudden-death overtime match to No. 6 seed Tony Vaughn of Purdue. In the first round of consolation action, Thompson pinned Duquense's Wally Wickline in 4:57. Thompson then upended third-seeded Billy Pierce of Minnesota by a 4-2 decision. Thompson fell one victory short of earning All-America status as he was defeated 6-3 by Virginia Tech's Josh Feldman.

At the Big Eight Championships...1994--Thompson entered the meet as the No. 2 seed and co-favorite for the title. However, he was upset by Oklahoma's John Kading 6-5 in the semifinals. Thompson rebounded to defeat Iowa State's Matt Carson 11-6 in consolation semifinals. He then defeated Oklahoma State's George Parker 5-4 to capture third place and qualify for the NCAA Championships.

Season Notes...1994--Thompson had a 38-13 record on the year and set the NU record for victories by a freshman. The old record was held by three-time All-American Corey Olson who had 35 victories in 1990. The 38 wins also tied Thompson for fourth place on the NU single-season victory chart for all wrestlers. Thompson earned third-team freshman All-America honors from Amateur Wrestling News. Thompson was ranked nearly the entire season, moving as high as No. 9 in the rankings at mid-season. Ten of his 13 losses on the season were against nationally-ranked wrestlers. Thompson had 13 pins, six technical falls and five major decisions on the season. His 19 total falls tied him for fourth on the NU single-season charts. He finished first at the Wyoming and Nebraska-Kearney Opens, third at the Las Vegas Invitational and Great Plains Open and fifth at the Omaha Open. Thompson's longest winning streak of season was eight matches in early December.

1993--Thompson redshirted and had an 18-5 record in open competition.

Other--Thompson had one of the most prolific off-seasons for a Husker wrestler in the summer of 1993 as he saw extensive national and international competition. He won titles at the Espoir (20 and under) Freestyle Nationals (Hwt.), Greco-Roman University Nationals (220), and U.S. Olympic Festival Freestyle (220). He also placed second at the Pan American Championships in Greco-Roman (220) and seventh at the World Freestyle Championships (Hwt.). Won the University level Championship Belt from USA Wrestling, given to the collegiate wrestler with the top accomplishments in the past year. The last Husker to win that award was 1984 national champion Bill Scherr. Thompson compiled a career mark of 118-16 at Janesville High School, including two runner-up finishes at the Iowa state meet. He twice finished second at the National Cadet Meet and

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was the USA Junior National runner-up in 1991 at 220 pounds and finished fourh in 1990. Thompson was a two-time all-conference selection in football at Janesville and also earned honorable-mention all-state honors.

Personal--The son of Vicki Thompson and Lenard Thompson, Tolly is majoring in consumer science.

Ryan Tobin

177...So...Brandon, S.D.
✔ NCAA Qualifier
✔ Phillips 66 Big Eight Academic Wrestling Honor Roll

Sophomore Ryan Tobin enters his second season in the Husker lineup with the ability to make an impact at the conference and national levels at 190. Last season, Tobin posted a 22-22 record as a true freshman and qualified for the NCAA Championships.

At the NCAA Championships...1994--Entered the meet unseeded and dropped a 9-6 decision to eighth-seeded Dan Payne of Clarion in the first round. Tobin was eliminated when Payne lost his second-round match.

At the Big Eight Championships...1994--Tobin dropped an 8-1 decision to Iowa State's Rob Steger in a preliminary round matchup. In the consolation semifinals he defeated Missouri's Jason Sexton by injury default. Tobin then dropped a 10-6 decision to Steger in the third-place match, but was selected to the NCAA Championships as a wild card.

Season Notes...1994--Tobin was one of the Huskers most versatile performers as he wrestled at both 177 and 190 pounds and finished with a 22-22 record. He originally worked his way into the lineup on the strength of a strong first semester showing, when he had a 15-7 record. Tobin was named Nebraska's "Most Improved Wrestler" based on his progress from the start to completion of the season. He had strong showings against several top wrestlers, including a 3-0 loss to Northern Iowa's Dave Malecek to end the regular season. Tobin finished first in freshman/sophomore division of the Wyoming Open, fourth in open division at the Omaha Open and third at the Nebraska-Kearney Open. He recorded five pins, one technical fall and one major decision on the season. Tobin was named to the Phillips 66 Academic All-Big Eight Wrestling Honor Roll with a 3.25 GPA in business administration.

Other--Tobin captured the South Dakota state championship as a senior and finished his final year at Brandon High with a perfect 37-0 record, including 27 pins. A four-time state medalist, Tobin compiled a career record of 126-32 and was named the state tournament MVP as a senior. He was also a three-time regional most valuable performer and placed sixth at the National High School Championships in 1993. He also participated in football and cross country at Brandon and graduated with a 3.85 cumulative grade point average.

Personal--The son of Gregg and Karen Tobin, Ryan majors in business administration.

Jeremy Boczulak

158...So...New Milford, Conn.

Boczulak, a backup for the Huskers last season, will challenge for a spot at Nebraska's middleweights in the 1994-95 season.

Season Notes...1994--Boczulak posted a 1-3 record while competing in two tournaments last season.

1993--Boczulak redshirted and competed in open tournaments and compiled a 3-5 overall mark.

Other--He finished his prep career at New Milford with an overall record of 98-12, including one state title and three sectional championships.

Personal--The son of Paul and Sally Boczulak, Jeremy is an international business major.

Brad Canoyer

118/126...Fr...Griswald, Iowa (Carson-Macedonia HS)

After redshirting and compiling an impressive record in open competition last season, Brad Canoyer will challenge for a starting spot at 118 or 126 for the Huskers this season.

1994--Canoyer posted a record of 20-4 in open competition, including first-place finishes at the Worthington and Wyoming Opens. He also finished second at the Omaha Open and fifth at the Northern Iowa Open. He opened the season with eight consecutive victories prior to his first defeat.

Other--Canoyer was a member of Nebraska's 1993 recruiting class which was ranked sixth in the country. He posted a career mark of 155-10 at Carson-Macedonia High School and placed at the state meet four times, including a runner-up finish as a senior. He was also a three-time district and conference champion. Canoyer suffered only one dual meet loss in four years of high school. He also earned all-conference honors in football and was voted his team's most valuable player.

Personal--The son of Craig and Kathy Canoyer, Brad is an agricultural economics major.

Ryan Tobin holds down the 190-pound spot for the Huskers. Last year Tobin posted a 22-22 record and qualified for the NCAA meet.

Husker Returnees

Tony DeAnda

134...Jr...South Sioux City, Neb. (Bishop Heelan HS)

DeAnda will challenge for a starting spot in the Husker lineup at 134 pounds this winter.

Season Notes...1994--After transferring from Augustana (S.D.) College, DeAnda posted a 3-6 mark in his first season with the Huskers.

1993--DeAnda finished with an overall mark of 27-16 at Augustana and finished fourth at 134 pounds in the Division II NCAA Championships. He also placed second at the North Central Conference meet and fourth in the Omaha Open.

1992--He was injured in his first season at Augustana and saw limited action.

Other--DeAnda posted a 105-22 record at Sioux City (Iowa) Bishop Heelan High School, including a state championship.

Personal--Tony's brother, Jose, is a freshman on this year's Husker squad. An education major, Tony is the son of Antonio and Sara DeAnda.

Erik Josephson

167...Jr...Fort Dodge, Iowa (Iowa Central JC)

Coming off a season-ending knee injury Erik Josephson, a former junior college national champion, is expected to push junior Chad Nelson for the starting job at 167 pounds.

1994--A valuable member of Nebraska's highly-touted 1993 recruiting class, Josephson suffered a knee injury in his first match of the season and was lost for the remainder of the year.

Other--Josephson is one of four junior college national champions to sign with the Huskers in the 1990's. He won the junior college national championship at Iowa Central in 1993 and had a two-year record of 53-13 in junior college. Josephson also posted a 4.0 grade point average at Iowa Central to earn Academic All-America honors. He won an Iowa state championship at Fort Dodge his senior year in high school, when he also posted a perfect 28-0 record. He also qualified for the state meet in 1990 and finished his high school career with a 66-22-2 record. He was also an all-conference linebacker at Fort Dodge High.

Personal--An electrical engineering major, Erik is the son of John and Sherri Josephson.

Chauncey Parker

126...Fr...Omaha, Neb. (North HS)

Coming off a redshirt year in 1994, Nebraska native Chauncey Parker will contend for a starting spot at the Husker lightweights this season.

1994--Parker redshirted and posted a 3-5 record in open tournaments.

Other--Parker is one of the most accomplished wrestlers in Nebraska prep history, as he won three state titles at Omaha North High School and was runner-up as a freshman. He was 96-1 in his last three years of high school competition and posted a career mark of 125-14 and also captured three Metro Championships. Parker was named the state's Outstanding Wrestler-of-the-Year by the NSAA in 1992 and 1993 and was a 10th-team prep All-American by Amateur Wrestling News.

Personal--Chauncey, an undeclared major, is the son of Anthony Parker and Edna Martin.

Chad Pike

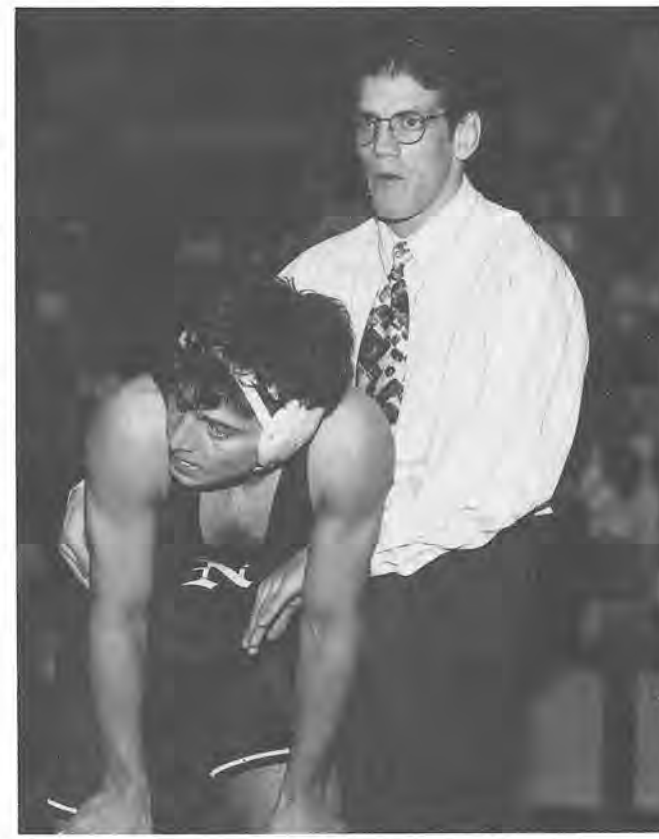
150...Fr...Austin, Minn. (Hayfield HS)

After redshirting last season, Pike is expected to contend for a starting spot at Nebraska's middleweights in 1994.

1994--Pike redshirted and compiled a 3-2 record in open competition in 1994.

Other--Pike was a member of Nebraska's sixth-ranked 1993 recruiting class. He captured a state championship in his senior season at Hayfield High School and was runner-up as a junior. He compiled a 69-6 record in his final two seasons at Hayfield, the same high school of former Husker All-American Corey Olson and NU freshman Chris Steele. He posted a career record of 137-36 at Hayfield.

Personal--A construction management major, Chad is the son of Dan and Sherri Pike.



Senior Steve Baer, pictured with NU assistant Brad Penrith, is expected to contend for conference and national honors in 1994-95.

Husker Returnees

Mike Roller

158...Fr...Bixby, Okla.

After a strong first season at Nebraska, redshirt freshman Mike Roller is expected to challenge Jason Kraft for the starting position at 158 pounds this season.

1994--Roller redshirted and competed in open tournaments, compiling a 13-4 record. He finished third at the Wyoming and Great Plains Opens. Roller posted three falls, three major decisions and two technical falls on the year.

Other--Roller won two Oklahoma state championships at Bixby High School, where he posted a career record of 121-23. He placed fourth at the National High School Championships in April of 1993. Roller recorded 65 falls in his high school career and was named district athlete-of-the-year as a senior. He was also honorable-mention all-state in football and earned district player-of-the-year honors, as well as being named to the Tulsa World's All-Metro football team. Roller was a high school wrestling teammate of Nebraska freshman Troy Williams.

Personal--Mike is the son of Jack and Beverly Roller and is an undeclared major.

Jeramie Welder

126...Fr...Bismarck, N.D.

After sitting out his first season at Nebraska as a redshirt, Jeramie Welder is expected to challenge for a spot in the Husker lineup at 126 this season.

1994--Welder won championships at the South Dakota State and Bison Opens while redshirting last season. He opened the year with a 9-0 record and finished with a 9-4 mark.

Other--One of the nation's top recruits in 1993, Welder placed at the North Dakota state meet four times, including state championships as a junior and senior. He finished his career at Bismarck High with a record of 135-12. Welder placed second in the Cadet Freestyle and Greco-Roman Nationals in 1992. He was the 1992 World Team Trials Champion and finished eighth in the World Greco-Roman Championships. Welder was a high school teammate of current Huskers Darin Giese and Ryan Bauer.

Personal--The son of George and Connie Welder, Jeramie is a general studies major.

Husker Newcomers

Ryan Bauer

142...Fr...Bismarck, N.D.

A member of Nebraska's third-ranked recruiting class, Ryan Bauer is one of the nation's top middleweight recruits. He will likely redshirt and provide backup this season. Bauer was a two-time state champion at Bismarck High School, where he was a teammate of current Huskers Darin Giese and Jeramie Welder. Bauer posted an overall high school mark of 74-1 at Bismarck and was named a ninth-team high school All-American at 140 pounds according to Amateur Wrestling News. He also won two titles at the Minnesota Multi-State Christmas Tournament and was a member of Bismarck's soccer team.

Personal--Ryan, an undeclared major, is the son of Herman and Sylvia Bauer.

Monte Christensen

167/177...Fr...Omaha, Neb.
(Fort Calhoun HS)

One of the top prep wrestlers in Nebraska in recent years, Monte Christensen is expected to redshirt this season. Christensen was a three-time state finalist and a two-time Class C state champion at Fort Calhoun High School. Christensen finished his career with a 129-9 record, including 108 pins. Amateur Wrestling News named Christensen a ninth-team high school All-American at 171 pounds following his senior season.

Personal--Monte, an agribusiness major, is the son of John and Peggy Christensen.

Jose DeAnda

126...Fr...South Sioux City, Neb.

One of four scholarship recruits from Nebraska this season, Jose DeAnda will likely redshirt in his first year with the Huskers. DeAnda won the Class A 125-pound state title last year for South Sioux City High School, where he posted a 108-23 career mark, including 25-0 in his senior season. He was named ninth-team high school All-American at 125 pounds by Amateur Wrestling News. DeAnda also finished sixth at the National High School Championships in April and holds the Nebraska prep record for career takedowns with 440. DeAnda's older brother, Tony, is a junior on the Husker squad this season.

Personal--Jose is the son of Antonio and Sara DeAnda and is an undeclared major.

Husker Newcomers

Joe Flasnick

177/190...Fr...Alma, Neb.

A native of Alma, Neb., Flasnick will likely redshirt in his first season with the Huskers. Flasnick was a two-time 189-pound state champion at Alma High School and holds the Class D record for most consecutive pins with 32. He also holds the Alma record for wins in a season with 35. Flasnick also earned all-conference honors in football for three seasons and was all-state in 1993 and finished fourth in the Class D shot put at the state meet in 1994.
Personal--The son of Robert and Joyce Flasnick, Joe is a general studies major.

Allen Hankins

134...Fr...Arkansas City, Kan.

A top lightweight recruit from the state of Kansas, 134-pounder Allen Hankins is expected to redshirt in his first season at Nebraska. Hankins was a three-time state champion for Arkansas City High School and was runner-up as a freshman. He posted an overall prep mark of 109-8 and was named a seventh-team prep All-American at 135 pounds by Amateur Wrestling News. Hankins was also a first-team all-league pick as a defensive back and was a captain on Arkansas City's football team. He was also a four-year member of the baseball team. Hankins is one of four Kansas natives on the Husker roster this season and was a prep teammate of fellow Husker Scott Munson.
Personal--The son of John and Lea Hankins, Allen is a general studies major.

Matt Holovach

190...Fr...Manhattan, Kan.

Holovach, one of the top recruits from the state of Kansas, is expected to redshirt in his first year at Nebraska. Holovach compiled a career record of 58-9 at Manhattan High School and won two Class 6A state championships. He placed fourth at the National High School Championships last spring and was also named to the Kansas Academic All-State wrestling squad. In football, Holovach earned Class 6A all-state honors as a senior. Holovach is one of four wrestlers on the Husker roster from the state of Kansas.
Personal--Matt is the son of Linda Kreiser and is an undeclared major.

Matt Infranca

118...Fr...Oak Grove, Mo.

One of the nation's top lightweight recruits, 118-pounder Matt Infranca will likely redshirt in his first season at Nebraska. He was named second-team Amateur Wrestling News High School All-American after winning four state titles and compiling a 147-4 career mark, including 100 pins, at Oak Grove (Mo.) High School. Infranca's last high school loss came during his sophomore season. The first four-time champ in Missouri since 1954, Infranca was also named to USA Today's All-America team which includes the top 25 wrestlers in the country and was a third-team ASICS All-American as a senior. He also won a Cadet (16 and under) national championship, was the International Festival freestyle champion and the Southern Plains Junior Champion. Infranca also posted a 3.29 GPA at Oak Grove. Infranca, who signed with NU during the 1993 early signing period, was also a three-year letterman in football.
Personal--A finance major, Matt is the son of Mike and Cindy Infranca.

Kalin Makaiwi

177/190...Fr...Raymond, Wash.

A multi-sport talent, Kalin Makaiwi (pronounced Mack-a-ee-vee) is expected to contend for a starting job at 177 pounds for Nebraska this season. In wrestling, Makaiwi was a two-time state champion at Raymond (Wash.) High School, after finishing fourth as a freshman and third as a sophomore. He was also a four-time district and regional champion at Raymond, where he posted a 143-7 career mark, including 130 pins. Makaiwi was named a fifth-team All-American at 171 pounds by Amateur Wrestling News and was also a Cadet National All-American at 167 pounds and finished fifth in the World Cadet Championships in Turkey. Makaiwi also played for Raymond's basketball team during the wrestling season and was named second-team All-Pacific League. A standout in football, he was three-time All-Pacific League as a quarterback and linebacker, was the Pacific League Player-of-the-Year and was a two-time all-state selection. He was also a member of the Raymond track team and was the 1994 state champion in the shot put and finished second in the discus.
Personal--The son of Doug and Marvine Makaiwi, Kalin is a general studies major.

Husker Newcomers

Kenny Mbah

177...Fr...Columbia, Mo.
(Hickman HS)

Kenny Mbah (pronounced Um-bah) is expected to contend for the starting position at 177 pounds in his first season on the Nebraska squad. Mbah placed twice at the Missouri state tournament, including a state championship and 37-0 record as a senior at Hickman High. Mbah also placed third at the National Junior Greco Tournament in 1993 and was a two-time state champion in both Freestyle and Greco-Roman. He was selected as a seventh-team prep All-American by the Amateur Wrestling News. Mbah has only wrestled for three seasons, but has made steady progress as he has improved from 14-12 to 35-7 to 37-0. Mbah, a cousin of former Kansas City Chiefs running back Christian Okoye, also earned all-conference honors in football at Hickman High and graduated with a 3.13 grade point average.

Personal--The son of Beatrice Mbah, Kenny is a pre-physical therapy major.

Terry McCreary

150...Fr...Chippewa Falls, Wis.

A top middleweight recruit, Terry McCreary is expected to redshirt at 150 pounds this season for the Huskers. McCreary was a two-time state qualifier and four-time regional and section champion at Chippewa Falls (Wis.) High School, where he posted a 102-20 career record. He was also a two-time Junior National Wisconsin team member.

Personal--Terry, an undeclared major, is the son of Charles McCreary.

Matt McDonnell

150...Fr...Sterling, Ill.
(Newman HS)

Matt McDonnell, a top middleweight recruit, is expected to redshirt and provide backup in his first year at Nebraska. McDonnell was a two-time state champion at Newman High School and posted a career mark of 157-16. He was named a sixth-team prep All-American at 152 pounds by Amateur Wrestling News and also finished second at the National High School Championships in 1994. McDonnell was also a member of Newman's football team which finished second in the state as well as the baseball squad.

Personal--Matt is the son of Nancy Kelly and is an undeclared major.

Dustin Morris

142...Fr...Cody, Wyo.

One of the top recruits in Wyoming in recent years, Dustin Morris will likely redshirt in his first year at Nebraska. Morris was a three-time state champion at Cody High School where he finished his career with a 114-16 record. An eighth-team All-American at 140 pounds by Amateur Wrestling News, Morris holds the school record at Cody for most career falls and was named his team's Most Valuable Wrestler as a senior.

Personal--The son of LeRoy and Sheri Morris, Dustin is a general studies major with a minor in architecture.

Scott Munson

167...Fr...Arkansas City, Kan.

One of four Kansas natives on the Husker roster, Munson is expected to redshirt in his first season at Nebraska. Munson won a state title at Arkansas City High School as a senior and finished third as a junior. He finished his prep career with a 66-12 record and was named to the 1994 Kansas all-state team. Munson was the quarterback for the Arkansas City football team and also played baseball and tennis. He was a high school teammate of Husker recruit Allen Hankins.

Personal--A pre-physical therapy major, Scott is the son of former NU wrestling letterwinner Jerry Munson and his wife Virginia.

Jeff Nielsen

118...Fr...Crete, Neb.

One of the state's top recruits, Jeff Nielsen is slated to redshirt and provide backup in his first season with the Huskers. Nielsen qualified for state all four years in high school, was a two-time Class B state champion and three-year finalist. He finished his career at Crete High School with a 118-6 overall record. Nielsen was voted as the Outstanding Class B wrestler at last year's state meet and owns the Class B record for career takedowns with 364. Nielsen also earned Academic all-state honors in football as he graduated with a 3.93 grade point average. He was also a two-time state qualifier in cross country and was a member of Crete's track squad.

Personal--The son of Doug and Virginia Nielsen, Jeff is a pre-physical therapy major.

Husker Newcomers

Jacob Roe

142...Fr...Whitney Point, N.Y.

A top middleweight recruit, Roe will likely redshirt in his first season at Nebraska. Roe completed his high school career at Whitney Point with a 179-31 record, including a state championship and two section championships. Roe was named a 10th-team Amateur Wrestling News High School All-American at 135 pounds. He also earned all-metro and all-state honors in football at Whitney Point.

Personal--The son of Kathy Roe, Jacob is a psychology major.

Jason Schumacher

177/190...Fr...Sioux Falls, S.D. (O'Gorman HS)

After a standout high school career in South Dakota, Jason Schumacher is expected to redshirt in his first season at Nebraska. Schumacher placed at the South Dakota state meet four times, including a second-place finish as a senior. He finished his career at O'Gorman High with a career mark of 115-25. Schumacher also placed eighth at 189 pounds in the National High School Championships last spring. He also earned all-state and all-conference honors in football, participated in tennis and track and was named O'Gorman's 1993-94 Outstanding Male Athlete.

Personal--Jason is the son of Lynn Schumacher and is an undeclared major.

Nebraska Wrestling: National Recruiting Power

During Tim Neumann's 10 years as head coach, Nebraska has been among the nation's leaders in recruiting. The Huskers have strung together six consecutive top 10 recruiting classes, including last year's third-ranked class. This year's class consisted of 15 recruits, including two USA Today All-Americans and 11 Amateur Wrestling News All-Americans. The 11 high school All-Americans were the most any school has ever signed in one season. This year's 15 recruits combined to win 28 state championships during their collective high school careers. In addition to this year's class, Nebraska's top classes were in 1988, when it was second in the nation, and in 1992 when NU's class was also ranked third. The Huskers' recruiting efforts annually cover the entire country. This year's 12 recruits span 12 states across America from Washington to New York. Overall, the Husker roster includes grapplers from 16 states, including 11 states with two or more wrestlers. Nebraska also boasts one of the nation's finest coaching staffs. The Husker staff of Tim Neumann, Mark Cody, Brad Penrith and Corey Olson combined for nine All-American certificates.

Chris Steele

167...Fr...Sargeant, Minn. (Hayfield HS)

One of the nation's top recruits in 1994, Chris Steele will likely redshirt in his first season on the Nebraska squad. Steele earned first-team High School All-America honors from Amateur Wrestling News, ASICS and Wrestling USA at 160 pounds after a standout career at Hayfield (Minn.) High School. Hayfield is the same high school that produced three-time Husker All-American Corey Olson. In addition, Steele was named to the USA Today All-America team which includes the nation's top 25 wrestlers. Steele won the 160-pound title at the Minnesota state tournament in both his junior and senior seasons and finished third as a sophomore. Steele posted a career record of 144-16-2 at Hayfield, including an 82-0 mark in his final two seasons. For his career, Steele had 103 pins, including 63 in his final two seasons. Steele was also a four-time Minnesota state freestyle champion and a five-time Greco-Roman champion. He was a runner-up at the 1993 Junior National Greco Championships, was a Cadet National Greco Champion (1992) and was a Cadet National Freestyle runner-up (1992). Along with Matt Infranca, Steele was one of two wrestlers to sign with NU during the early signing period. A three-year letterwinner in football, Steele was named all-conference for two seasons and was all-area and honorable mention all-state as a senior.

Personal--The son of John and Marge Steele, Chris is an agriculture major.

Troy Williams

126...Fr...Bixby, Okla.

After a standout prep career, Williams is expected to redshirt in his first season at Nebraska. Williams was a 1994 regional champion at Bixby High School, where he finished his career with a 91-35-2 record. He also earned all-district honors in football and was a state qualifier for Bixby's golf team. Williams was a high school teammate of Husker redshirt freshman Mike Roller.

Personal--A pre-med major, Troy is the son of Barry Williams.

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Opponent Information

Non-Conference

Cal-State Fullerton--Dec. 17, 1994
Fullerton, Calif.

Location: Fullerton, Calif.
Enrollment: 25,000
Nickname: Titans
Colors: Navy blue, orange and white
Conference: Pacific-10 (wrestling only)
President: Dr. Milton A. Gordon
Athletic Director: Bill Shumard
Home Arena: Titan Gym (4,000)
Head Coach: Ardeshir Asgari (third year)
School/Career Record: 11-10
Office Telephone: (714) 773-2138
Assistant Coaches: Christian Holiday, Laszlo Molnar, Michael Grubbs
1993-94 Dual Record: 5-6
1994 Conference Finish: seventh
1994 NCAA Finish: 23rd
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 9/11
Top Returnees: Can Tran, Jason Roberts
SID Contact: Josh Luke
Phone: o-(714) 773-3970
Series: Nebraska leads 2-0
Neumann vs. Fullerton: 2-0

Cal-Poly--Dec. 17, 1994
San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Location: San Luis Obispo, Calif.
Enrollment: 15,400
Nickname: Mustangs
Colors: Green and Gold
Conference: Pacific-10 (wrestling only)
President: Dr. Warren J. Baker
Athletic Director: John McCutheon
Home Arena: Mott Gym (3,500)
Head Coach: Lennis Cowell (10th year)
School/Career Record: 87-77-4 9
Office Telephone: (805) 756-1348
Assistant Coaches: Joey Dansby, Joe Tice
1993-94 Dual Record: 10-8
1994 Conference Finish: fifth
1994 NCAA Finish: Did not qualify
Top Returnees: Neal Mason, Dan Lashley
SID Contact: Eric McDowell
Phone: o-(805) 756-6531; h-(805) 546-8977
Series Record: first meeting

Fresno State--Dec. 18, 1994
Fresno, Calif.

Location: Fresno, Calif.
Enrollment: 18,902
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Cardinal and Blue
Conference: Western Athletic
President: Dr. John Welty
Athletic Director: Dr. Gary Cunningham
Home Arena: North Gym (2,024)
Head Coach: Dennis Deliddo (14th year)
School/Career Record: 190-96-3
Office Telephone: (209) 278-4804
Assistant Coach: Terry Watts
1993-94 Dual Record: 15-6
1994 Conference Finish: first
1994 NCAA Finish: 11th
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 11/4
Top Returnees: Gerry Abas, Dewayne Zinkin, Nick Zinkin
SID Contact: Peter Clawson
Phone: o-(209) 278-2509 ; h-(209) 297-9616
Series Record: first meeting

Cal-State Bakersfield--Dec. 18, 1994
Bakersfield, Calif.

Location: Bakersfield, Calif.
Enrollment: 5,200
Nickname: Roadrunners
Colors: Royal Blue and Gold
Conference: Pacific-10 (wrestling only)
President: Tomas Arciniega
Athletic Director: Rudy Carvajal
Home Arena: CSUB Activity (3,880)
Head Coach: T.J. Kerr (11th year)
Record at CSUB: 96-54-2 in 10 years
Career Record: 275-124-5 in 22 years
Office Telephone: (805) 664-2343
Assistant Coaches: Darryl Pope, Rich Bailey, Shane Rosselle
1993-94 Dual Record: 8-2
1994 Conference Finish: second
1994 NCAA Finish: 49th
Starters Returning/Lost: 8/2
Top Returnees: Jassen Froehlich, Paschal Duru, Derek Scott, Tony DeSouza, Bobby Soto
SID Contact: Bill Macriss
Phone: o-(805) 664-3071; h-(805) 665-2124
Series Record: first meeting

Wyoming--Jan. 4, 1995
Bassett, Neb.

Location: Laramie, Wyo.
Enrollment: 11,000
Nickname: Cowboys
Colors: Brown and Yellow
Conference: Western Athletic
President: Terry P. Roark
Athletic Director: Paul Roach
Home Arena: MultiPurpose Gym (1,000)
Head Coach: Steven Suder (sixth year)
School/Career Record: 30-32
Office Telephone: (307) 766-5382
Assistant Coaches: Joe Stafford, Matt Johnson
1993-94 Dual Record: 7-6
1994 Conference Finish: second
1994 NCAA Finish: 22nd
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 10/2
Top Returnees: Tom Hickenlooper, Jason Gregersen, Shilo Mathill, Reese Andy
SID Contact: Jared Newland
Phone: o-(307) 766-2256; h-(307) 742-9059
Series Record: Nebraska leads, 15-13
Neumann vs. Wyoming: 7-2

Minnesota--Jan. 10, 1995
Lincoln, Neb.

Location: Minneapolis, Minn.
Enrollment: 38,000
Nickname: Golden Gophers
Colors: Maroon and Gold
Conference: Big Ten
President: Dr. Nils Hasselmo
Athletic Director: Dr. McKinley Boston
Home Arena: Williams Arena (14,300)/ Sports Pavillion (5,700)
Head Coach: J. Robinson (ninth year)
School/Career Record: 107-57-1
Office Telephone: (612) 625-4049
Assistant Coaches: Dave Grant, Marty Morgan
1993-94 Dual Record: 20-2
1994 Conference Finish: second
1994 NCAA Finish: 13th
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 10/5

Minnesota, cont.

Top Returnees: Tim Harris, Brandon Paulson, Brett Colombini, Billy Pierce
SID Contacts: Brad Ruiter, Beth Burr
Phone: o-(612) 625-4090
Series Record: Minnesota leads, 33-11
Neumann vs. Minnesota: 6-3

Clemson--Feb. 4, 1995
Clemson, S.C.

Location: Clemson, S.C.
Enrollment: 16,614
Nickname: Tigers
Colors: Burnt Orange and Northwest Purple
Conference: Atlantic Coast
President: Phil Prince
Athletic Director: Bobby Robinson
Home Arena: Tiger Pit (3,500)
Head Coach: Gil Sanchez (third year)
School/Career Record: 27-15-1
Office Telephone: (803) 656-1928
Assistant Coach: Scott Turner
1993-94 Dual Record: 14-6
1994 Conference Finish: second
1994 NCAA Finish: seventh
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 7/8
Top Returnee: Brendan Buckley
SID Contact: Chris Metzler
Phone: o-(803) 656-2114; h-(803) 639-0676
Series Record: Nebraska leads, 6-1
Neumann vs. Clemson: 6-1

James Madison--Feb. 4, 1995
Clemson, S.C.

Location: Harrisonburg, Va.
Enrollment: 11,500
Nickname: Dukes
Colors: Purple and Gold
Conference: Colonial Athletic Association
President: Dr. Ronald E. Carrier
Athletic Director: Donald Lemish
Home Arena: Godwin Hall (5,000)
Head Coach: Jeff "Peanut" Bowyer (7th year)
School/Career Record: 48-52
Assistant Coach: Ken Herceg
Office Telephone: (703) 568-3958
1993-94 Dual Record: 12-4
1994 Conference Finish: fourth
1994 NCAA Finish: did not qualify
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 14/3
Top Returnees: Jede Arena, Brian Gray, Doug Detrick
SID Contact: Curt Dudley
Phone: o-(703) 568-6154; h-(703) 434-4645
Series Record: first meeting

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Opponent Information

Ohio State--Feb. 4, 1995
Clemson, S.C.
Location: Columbus, Ohio
Enrollment: 52,000
Nickname: Buckeyes
Colors: Scarlet and Gray
Conference: Big Ten
President: E. Gordon Gee
Athletic Director: Andy Geiger
Home Arena: St. John Arena (13,276)
Head Coach: Russ Hellickson (ninth year)
Record at OSU: 136-55-3
Career Record: 207-77-3
Assistant Coaches: Jim Jordan, Rex Holman, Mike Schyck
Office Telephone: (614) 292-6302
1993-94 Dual Record: 15-11-1
1994 Conference Finish: eighth
1994 NCAA Finish: 24th
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 10/3
Top Returnees: Charlie Becks, Dom DiSabato, Jay Michael, Eric Smith
SID Contact: Larry Karg
Phone: o-(614) 292-6861
Series Record: Tied, 1-1
Neumann vs. Ohio State: 1-1

Northern Iowa--Feb. 10, 1995
Cedar Falls, Iowa
Location: Cedar Falls, Iowa
Enrollment: 12,800
Nickname: Panthers
Colors: Purple and Old Gold
Conference: Independent (wrestling only)
Home Arena: West Gym (2,500)
President: Dr. Constantine Curris
Athletic Director: Chris Ritrievi
Head Coach: Don Briggs (13th year)
School/Career Record: 148-67
Office Telephone: (319) 273-6473
Assistant Coaches: Joel Greenlee, Chris Bollin
1993-94 Dual Record: 5-7
1994 NCAA Finish: tie 11th
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 8/4
Top Returnees: Scott Murray, Justin Greenlee, Dusty Rhodes, Nate Hartle, Tim Novak, Dan Kjeldgaard
SID Contact: Darin Leach
Phone: o-(319) 273-6354; h-(319) 273-3637
Series Record: Northern Iowa leads, 27-8
Neumann vs. UNI: 5-4

Nebraska-Omaha--Feb. 12, 1995
Lincoln, Neb.
Location: Omaha, Neb.
Enrollment: 16,000
Nickname: Mavericks
Colors: Crimson and Black
Conference: North Central
Home Arena: UNO Fieldhouse (3,500)
President: Dr. Del Weber
Athletic Director: Dave Cox
Head Coach: Mike Denney (16th year)
School/Career Record: 133-61-5
Office Telephone: (402) 554-3384
Assistant Coach: Ron Higdon
1993-94 Dual Record: 6-6
1994 Conference Finish: third
1994 NCAA Finish: third (NCAA Div. II)
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 7/1

Nebraska-Omaha, cont.
Top Returnees: Lim Prim, Jimmie Foster, Steve Costanzo, Brian Zanders, Darin Tietz
SID Contact: Gary Anderson
Phone: o-(402) 554-3387; h-(402) 289-3865
Series Record: Nebraska leads, 17-3
Neumann vs. UNO: 7-0

Big Eight Opponents
Iowa State--Dec. 3, 1994
Ames, Iowa
Location: Ames, Iowa
Enrollment: 25,293
Nickname: Cyclones
Colors: Cardinal and Gold
Conference: Big Eight
President: Dr. Martin Jischke
Athletic Director: Gene Smith
Home Arena: Hilton Coliseum (14,020)
Head Coach: Bobby Douglas (third year)
Record at ISU: 20-11
Career Record: 249-97-6
Office Telephone: (515) 294-4643
Assistant Coaches: Thom Ortiz, Shawn Charles
1993-94 Dual Record: 7-7
1994 Conference Finish: fourth
1993 NCAA Finish: 10th
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 8/2
Top Returnees: Chris Bono, Derek Mountsier, Rob Steger, Barry Weldon
SID Contact: Lance Ringler
Phone: o-(515) 294-3372; h-(515) 292-0677
Series Record: ISU leads, 70-7-2
Win Streak: Iowa State, one match
Last Year: NU 32-11; ISU 21-19
Neumann vs. ISU: 4-8

Oklahoma State--Jan. 27, 1995
Stillwater, Okla.
Location: Stillwater, Okla.
Enrollment: 18,209
Nickname: Cowboys
Colors: Orange and Black
Conference: Big Eight
President: Dr. James Halligan
Interim Athletic Director: Dave Martin
Home Arena: Gallagher-Iba Arena (6,381)
Head Coach: John Smith (third year)
School/Career Record: 17-8
Office Telephone: (405) 744-6520
Assistant Coaches: Mark Perry, Tony Purler, Pat Smith
1993-94 Dual Record: 13-1
1994 Conference Finish: first
1994 NCAA Finish: first
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 8/6
Top Returnees: Mark Branch, Jacob Newby, J.J. McGrew, Scott Reyna
SID Contact: Michael Noteware
Phone: o-(405) 744-5749; h-(405) 372-4970
Series Record: OSU leads, 31-2
Win Streak: Oklahoma State, two matches
Last Year: OSU, 27-13; OSU, 23-12
Neumann vs. OSU: 1-11

Oklahoma--Jan. 29, 1995
Norman, Okla.
Location: Norman, Okla.
Enrollment: 24,500
Nickname: Sooners
Colors: Crimson and Cream
Conference: Big Eight
President: David Boren
Athletic Director: Donnie Duncan
Home Arena: The Field House (1,500)
Head Coach: Jack Spates (2nd year)
Record at OU: 5-5
Career Record: 79-19-1
Office Telephone: (405) 325-8209
Assistant Coaches: Mark Manning, Ray Miller
1993-94 Dual Record: 5-5
1994 Conference Finish: second
1994 NCAA Finish: eighth
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 6/5
Top Returnees: John Kading, Quincey Clark, Javier Posa, Eric Ivins
SID Contact: Ryan Mays
Phone: o-(405) 325-8368; h-(405) 447-4852
Series Record: OU leads, 24-9-1
Win Streak: Nebraska, six matches
Last Year: Nebraska won, 25-20
Neumann vs. OU: 7-2-1

Missouri--Feb. 15, 1995
Lincoln, Neb.
Location: Columbia, Mo.
Enrollment: 22,168
Nickname: Tigers
Colors: Old Gold and Black
Conference: Big Eight
Chancellor: Dr. Charles Kiesler
Athletic Director: Joe Castiglione
Home Arena: Hearnes Center (13,300)
Head Coach: Wes Roper (ninth year)
School/Career Record: 50-61-2
Office Telephone: (314) 882-0735
Assistant Coaches: Chip Bunner, Jeff Lyons
1993-94 Dual Record: 4-8
1994 Conference Finish: fifth
1994 NCAA Finish: 18th
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 12/6
Top Returnees: Jeremy Lay, Kenny Liddell, Dan Colace
SID Contact: Stuart McFarland
Phone: o-(314) 882-2531; h-(314) 474-2076
Series Record: Nebraska leads, 24-13-3
Win Streak: Nebraska, five matches
Last Year: Nebraska, 25-14
Neumann vs. Missouri: 7-1-1

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1993-94 Nebraska Season Review

The 1993-94 Nebraska wrestling season began with a great deal of uncertainty. The Huskers faced the task of replacing eight departed seniors who led NU to a Big Eight Championship and a third-place finish at the NCAA Championships.

While lacking experience the Huskers certainly weren't short on talent. A group of talented young wrestlers quickly showed they were capable of keeping Nebraska in the upper echelon of collegiate wrestling.

The Huskers began with impressive performances at the Wyoming and Omaha Opens, collecting a combined 11 individual championships. Included in the list was back-to-back titles by 142-pounder Mike Eierman and a championship at the Omaha Open by Temoer Terry, who also earned Outstanding Wrestler honors in his first collegiate action.

Next up for the Huskers was a trip to the Conference Challenge in Ithaca, N.Y. Neumann's squad posted a 2-1 record at the meet, defeating Brown and Cornell and losing to Clarion.

Nebraska then traveled to the prestigious Las Vegas Invitational, where the Huskers showed they were deserving of a high national ranking. NU finished fifth at the meet with 74.25 points. Individually, five Huskers placed at the meet, including 118-pounder Scott Gonyo who captured a championship with a 9-2 decision over Oklahoma State's Joey Wildasin. Other Huskers placing at the meet included Steve Baer (6th--126), Mike Eierman (3rd--142), Temoer Terry (8th--150) and Tolly Thompson (3rd--Hwt.).

After a month off from competition, the Huskers had a busy month of January. Nebraska opened the month with a dual win over Clemson, before dropping a contest against top-ranked Oklahoma State.

Nebraska senior Frank Velazquez won his second consecutive 134-pound Big Eight title in 1994, becoming the first Husker to accomplish that feat since 1981. Velazquez posted a 24-3 record last season and had a 49-10 mark for his two-year NU career and also competed in two NCAA Championships.

Eleven NU grapplers placed at the Great Plains Open, hosted by Nebraska. The Huskers' lone individual champion was 142-pounder Justin Ware, with three other wrestlers earning runner-up finishes.

Nebraska defeated nationally-ranked Indiana, 19-16, before turning its attention to the National Dual Meet Championships at the Nebraska Coliseum.

The Huskers entered the 16-team meet as the eighth seed, but quickly proved they were capable of better things. The Huskers opened the meet by dominating Ohio State, 30-10.

In the quarterfinal round Nebraska faced a rematch against top-ranked OSU. Scott Gonyo and Steve Baer both dropped heart-breaking, overtime losses as Oklahoma State jumped to a 6-0 lead. The Cowboys went on to win a hard-fought 23-12 dual, but Nebraska had obviously made strides from its previous meeting with OSU.

Nebraska bounced back with victories over Arizona State and Central Oklahoma. Penn State upended the Huskers, 24-14, in the consolation semifinals, but NU finished fifth by dominating conference rival Iowa State, 32-11.

Nebraska defeated ninth-ranked Oklahoma, 25-20, before a crowd of 1,500 in Norfolk, Neb. The Huskers lost two consecutive duals to fifth-ranked Minnesota and a disappointing 21-19 loss at Iowa State.

The Huskers completed the dual season with consecutive victories over Wyoming, Missouri and Northern Iowa. NU completed the dual season with a 12-6 overall record and ranked seventh in Amateur Wrestling News' dual rankings.

Nebraska entered the Big Eight meet as the defending conference champion, but was a decided underdog to Oklahoma State. The Huskers qualified four wrestlers for the finals, but finished a disappointing third at the meet behind OSU and Oklahoma.

The highlight of the meet for Nebraska was the performance of senior Frank Velazquez. The 134-pounder won his second consecutive Big Eight title with a thrilling, 7-5 overtime win over Iowa State's Derek Mountsier. Velazquez became the first Husker to win back-to-back conference crowns since Johnnie Selmon accomplished the feat in 1980-81.

Eight Huskers qualified for the NCAA Championships in Chapel Hill, N.C. NU entered the meet with hopes of a top 10 finish and several individual All-America honors.

However, Nebraska quickly learned how difficult the national meet can be. Highly-seeded Velazquez and Ware were both first-round upset victims and several other Huskers lost hard-fought matches. The Huskers' finished the meet with 14.5 points, good for a tie for 29th place. Nebraska's lone All-American was senior Scott Gonyo who placed sixth at 118 pounds.

1993-94 Season Recap

Dec. 3-4--Nebraska finished fifth at the Las Vegas Invitational with 74.25 points. 118-pounder Scott Gonyo paced the Huskers with an individual title.

Jan. 22-23--The Huskers placed fifth at the National Dual Championships held in Lincoln.

March 5--Nebraska finished third at the Big Eight Championships in Ames, Iowa, led by Frank Velazquez's second-consecutive conference crown.

March 17-19--NU finished 29th at the NCAA Championships, with Scott Gonyo earning All-America honors.

1993-94 Wrestling Results and Records

1993-94 Tournament Results

Wyoming Open (Nov. 13, Laramie, Wyo., No Team Scoring):
118--Scott Gonyo (1st); **126--**Jason Reitmeier (2nd); **134--Frank Velazquez (1st)**, Steve Baer (2nd); **142--Mike Eierman (1st)**, Justin Ware (2nd); **150--**Joe Stephens (3rd); **158--**Jason Kraft (4th); **167--Chad Nelson (1st)**; **177--**Tom Manzella (3rd); 190--Russ Vering (3rd); **Hwt--Tolly Thompson (1st).**
Freshman/Sophomore Division:
126--Brad Canoyer (1st); 134--Adrian Martinez (1st); 158--Mike Roller (3rd); **177--Ryan Tobin (1st).**

UNO Open (Nov. 20, Omaha, Neb., No Team Scoring):
118--Scott Gonyo (2nd); **126--**Steve Baer (3rd); Jason Reitmeier (5th); **134--**Frank Velazquez (2rd); **142--Mike Eierman (1st); 150--Temoer Terry (1st); 158--**Jason Kraft (2nd); **167--**Chad Nelson (2nd); **177--**Ryan Tobin (4th); Tom Manzella (6th); **Hwt--**Tolly Thompson (5th).
Outstanding Wrestler: Temoer Terry
Freshman/Sophomore Division:
126--Brad Canoyer (2nd); **190--Ryan Resel (1st).**

Las Vegas Invitational (Dec. 3-4, Las Vegas, Nev., 5th, 74.25):
118--Scott Gonyo (1st); 126--Steve Baer (6th); **142--**Mike Eierman (3rd); **150--**Temoer Terry (8th); **Hwt--**Tolly Thompson (3rd).

Northern Iowa Open (Dec. 4, Cedar Falls, Iowa, NTS):
118--Brad Canoyer (5th); **142--**Justin Ware (5th).

Nebraska-Kearney Open (Dec. 11, Kearney, Neb, NTS):
167--Chad Nelson (1st); 177--Ryan Tobin (3rd); **190--Tim Neumann (1st); Hwt--Tolly Thompson (1st).**

Great Plains Open (Jan. 8, Lincoln, Neb., NTS):
118--Scott Gonyo (4th); **126--**Steve Baer (2nd); Jason Reitmeier (3rd); **134--**Frank Velazquez (2nd); **142--Justin Ware (1st); 150--**Temoer Terry (8th);**158--**Mike Roller (3rd); Jason Kraft (7th); **167--**Chad Nelson (2nd); **177--**Tom Manzella (8th); **Hwt--**Tolly Thompson(3rd).
Outstanding Wrestler: Sam Henson, Clemson.

AWN Final Dual Rankings

(1993-94 NU Opponents in Bold)

1. Oklahoma State (13-1)
2. Minnesota (20-2)
3. Iowa (11-3)
4. Penn State (15-6)
5. North Carolina (15-3)
6. Clarion (15-2)
7. NEBRASKA (12-6)
8. Iowa State (7-7)
9. Oregon State (14-3)
10. Edinboro (15-2)

Other Nebraska Opponents
12. Oklahoma (5-5)
15. Indiana (12-4)
16. Clemson (14-6)
19. Northern Iowa (6-6)
24. Ohio State (15-11-1)

1993-94 Dual Results (12-6)

Opponent (Rank)		NU	Opp
*Clarion	L	16	27
*Brown	W	30	14
*Cornell (16)	W	22	12
Clemson (16)	W	20	15
Oklahoma State (1)	L	13	27
Indiana (20)	W	19	16
#Ohio State	W	30	10
#Oklahoma State (1)	L	12	23
#Arizona State (12)	W	25	12
#Central Okla. (DII-1)	W	25	10
#Penn State (7)	L	14	24
#Iowa State (13)	W	32	11
Oklahoma (9)	W	25	20
Minnesota (5)	L	7	34
Iowa State (10)	L	19	21
Wyoming	W	24	21
Missouri	W	25	14
Northern Iowa (13)	W	29	6

* Conference Challenge, Ithaca, N.Y.
\# National Team Duals, Lincoln, Neb.

Heavyweight Tolly Thompson broke the Nebraska record for victories by a freshman last season, posting a 38-13 record. The 38 victories not only set a frosh record, but ranks in a tie for fourth on the single-season charts for all wrestlers. Thompson also posted 19 falls, tying for the fourth best single-season total in NU history.

1993-94 Nebraska Wrestling Statistics

Wt.	Name	Records Overall	Records Dual	Dual Pts. NU/Opp	Dual TD NU/Opp	Pins W/L	Tf	MD	Quick Pin
118	Scott Gonyo	32-11	13-4	55/12	55/ 5	3/ 0	3	6	1:46
126	Steve Baer	27-17	9-9	35/31	23/18	2/ 2	0	2	2:17
134	Frank Velazquez	24-3	11-1	42/ 6	45/ 8	2/ 1	4	8	2:39
134	Jason Reitmeier	18-9	1-4	6/15	2/ 6	8/ 1	0	2	:42
142	Mike Eierman	19-5	4-4	17/15	19/30	3/ 0	2	5	1:41
142	Justin Ware	27-8	11-1	47/ 3	57/11	5/ 0	2	8	:50
150	Temoer Terry	21-16	7-8	25/25	22/15	1/ 1	1	3	6:45
158	Jason Kraft	26-13	13-5	46/18	44/27	2/ 1	2	3	3:16
167	Chad Nelson	20-9	6-6	24/19	26/21	5/ 0	2	5	2:40
167	Tom Manzella	15-23	5-12	21/44	10/45	5/ 0	0	5	1:01
177	Ryan Tobin	22-22	5-10	16/34	10/35	5/ 1	1	5	:18
Hwt	Tolly Thompson	38-13	12-6	57/27	53/12	13/ 4	6	5	:58

1993-94 Nebraska Wrestling Dual Results

Clarion 27, Nebraska 16
November 28, Ithaca, N.Y.
118 Scott Gonyo (NU) maj. dec. Sheldon Thomas, 15-4
126 Bob Crawford (C) dec. Steve Baer, 6-2
134 Frank Velazquez (NU) dec. Tom Tomeo, 11-7
142 Mike Eierman (NU) tech. fall Jody Clark, 26-11
150 Moss Grays (C) pinned Joe Stephens, 1:19
158 Jason Kraft (NU) tech. fall Shawn Armbrust, 21-6
167 J.J. Stanbro (C) dec. Chad Nelson, 3-2
177 Dan Payne (C) dec. Tom Manzella, 15-10
190 Brian Stout (C) pinned Russ Vering, 6:44
Hwt Rob Sintobin (C) pinned Tolly Thompson, 4:25

Nebraska 30, Brown 14
November 28, Ithaca, N.Y.
118 Scott Gonyo (NU) dec. Mike Mulrooney, 9-6
126 Rei Tanaka (B) dec. Jason Reitmeier, 8-3
134 Paul Collier (B) maj. dec. Steve Baer, 12-0
142 Justin Ware (NU) tech. fall Chris Deegan, 24-9
150 Temoer Terry (NU) pinned Jon Tornberg, 6:45
158 Matt Casto (B) dec. Jason Kraft, 6-0
167 Chad Nelson (NU) pinned Ben Priestley, 5:35
177 Tom Manzella (NU) maj. dec. Aaron Kendrick, 10-2
190 Paul Fitzpatrick (B) maj. dec. Russ Vering, 14-3
Hwt Tolly Thompson (NU) pinned Dan Shoman, 1:15

Nebraska 22, Cornell 12
November 28, Ithaca, N.Y.
118 Scott Gonyo (NU) tech. fall Fred Schumacher, 21-6
126 David Hirsch (C) dec. Steve Baer, 3-2
134 Mike Yancosky (C) dec. Jason Reitmeier, 8-2
142 Mike Eierman (NU) dec. Glenn Walter, 19-12
150 Temoer Terry (NU) dec. Joel Torretti, 9-3
158 Mike Klinglesmith (C) dec. Jason Kraft, 7-5
167 Chad Nelson (NU) maj. dec. Trip Rodgers, 22-13
177 Terry Lucero (C) dec. Tom Manzella, 6-4
190 Ryan Tobin (NU) maj. dec. Shane Cass, 11-3
Hwt Tolly Thompson (NU) dec. Bruce Morgan, 13-11

Nebraska 20, Clemson 16
January 5, Lincoln
118 Sam Henson (C) dec. Scott Gonyo, 3-2
126 Steve Baer (NU) dec. Jeff Stephens, 8-3
134 Frank Velazquez (NU) maj. dec. Jason Wheeler, 17-6
142 Mike Eierman (NU) dec. Brendan Buckley, 12-9
150 Mike Mammon (C) dec. Temoer Terry, 7-6
158 Jason Kraft (NU) maj. dec. Chris Donegan, 13-4
167 Chad Nelson (NU) dec. Paul Seim, 11-7
177 Ryan Tobin (NU) dec. John Gardner, 9-3
190 Tim Morrissey (C) pinned Russ Vering, 3:58
Hwt Keith Turner (C) dec. Tolly Thompson, 9-8

Oklahoma State 27, Nebraska 13
January 7, Lincoln
118 Joey Wildasin (OSU) dec. Scott Gonyo, 4-1
126 Nick Purler (OSU) dec. Steve Baer, 6-4
134 Frank Velazquez (NU) maj. dec. Ray Weis, 14-4
142 Alan Fried (OSU) tech. fall Mike Eierman, 6:18
150 Jacob Newby (OSU) dec. Temoer Terry, 7-2
158 Pat Smith (OSU) tech. fall Jason Kraft, 5:17
167 Chad Nelson (NU) dec. Mark Branch, 7-6
177 Travis Gittins (OSU) dec. Ryan Tobin, 9-4
190 J.J. McGrew (OSU) tech. fall Tom Manzella, 5:51
Hwt Tolly Thompson (NU) pinned Nick Williams, :58

Nebraska 19, Indiana 16
January 15, Lincoln
118 Scott Gonyo (NU) tech. fall Derek Moscovic, 24-8
126 Steve Baer (NU) dec. Chris Russo, 6-4 (OT)
134 Frank Velazquez (NU) maj. dec. Roger Chandler, 18-9
142 Justin Ware (NU) maj. dec. Andy Trevino, 18-8
150 Scott Petche (IU) dec. Temoer Terry, 8-3
158 Jason Kraft (NU) dec. Jonathan McClain, 7-3
167 Ryan Edmnunson (IU) dec. Chad Nelson, 5-4
177 Brady Harrison (IU) dec. Ryan Tobin, 7-3
190 Ben Nachtrieb (IU) dec. Tom Manzella, 8-3
Hwt Vito Maurici (IU) by disq. Tolly Thompson

Nebraska 30, Ohio State 10
1st Round, National Dual Championships
January 22, Lincoln
118 Scott Gonyo (NU) won by forfeit
126 Steve Baer (NU) maj. dec. Elmer Long, 17-5
134 Frank Velazquez (NU) maj. dec. Dom Disabato, 15-4
142 Dunyasha Yetts (OSU) maj. dec. Mike Eierman, 16-7
150 Charlie Becks, OSU dec. Temoer Terry, 6-4 (OT)
158 Jason Kraft (NU) dec. Eric Smith 4-4 (OT/TB)
167 Chad Nelson (NU) maj. dec. Will Knight, 14-4
177 Tom Manzella (NU) dec. Eric Odita, 6-5
190 Nick Nutter (OSU) dec. Ryan Tobin, 6-2
Hwt Tolly Thompson by default over Rick Burlenski

Oklahoma State 23, Nebraska 12
2nd Round, National Dual Championships
January 22, Lincoln
118 Joey Wildasin (OSU) dec. Scott Gonyo, 5-3 (OT)
126 Nick Purler (OSU) dec. Steve Baer, 11-9 (OT)
134 Frank Velazquez (NU) dec. Johnny Martin, 10-4
142 Alan Fried (OSU) dec. Justin Ware, 12-9
150 Jacob Newby (OSU) dec. Mike Eierman, 6-2
158 Pat Smith (OSU) maj. dec. Jason Kraft, 24-10
167 Mark Branch (OSU) dec. Chad Nelson, 8-2
177 Ryan Tobin (NU) dec. George Parker, 9-6
190 J.J. McGrew (OSU) maj. dec. Tom Manzella, 11-2
Hwt Tolly Thompson pinned Nick Williams, 4:50

Nebraska 25, Arizona State 12
Consolation 2nd Round, National Dual Championships
January 22, Lincoln
118 Dan Felix (ASU) dec. Scott Gonyo, 8-3
126 Steve Baer (NU) dec. Eric Albarracin, 8-2
134 Frank Velazquez (NU) dec. Steve St. John, 7-3
142 Mike Eierman (NU) pinned Rob McMinn, 5:20
ASU penalized one team point for misconduct
150 Jeff Thieler (ASU) dec. Temoer Terry, 7-2
158 Jason Kraft (NU) dec. Chris Castillo, 11-9
167 Markus Mollica (ASU) maj. dec. Chad Nelson, 18-6
177 Tom Manzella (NU) maj. dec. Jeff Funicello, 13-2
190 Dan Faquir (ASU) dec. Ryan Tobin, 10-4
Hwt Tolly Thompson (NU) pinned Jason McCloud 1:37

Nebraska 25, Central Oklahoma 10
Consolation Quarterfinals, National Dual Championships
January 23, Lincoln
118 Scott Gonyo (NU) dec. Randy Zellner, 2-2 (OT/TB)
126 Brian Melchiori (UCO) pinned Steve Baer, 2:45
134 Frank Velazquez (NU) dec. Ryan Martin, 3-2
142 Justin Ware (NU) maj. dec. Jerry Best, 20-12
150 Temoer Terry (NU) dec. Mark Cunningham, 7-3
158 Jason Kraft (NU) dec. Wes White, 11-5
167 Keith Cunningham (UCO) dec. Chad Nelson, 11-6
177 Chance Skidgel (UCO) dec. Tom Manzella, 7-1
190 Ryan Tobin (NU) dec. Chad Humphrey, 3-0
UCO penalized two team points for misconduct
Hwt Tolly Thompson (NU) pinned Robert Washington, 1:04

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Penn State 24, Nebraska 14
Consolation Semifinals, National Dual Championships
January 23, Lincoln

118 Scott Gonyo (NU) maj. dec. Mike Brennan, 10-2
126 Sanshiro Abe (PSU) dec. Steve Baer, 10-6
134 Cary Kolat (PSU) pinned Frank Velazquez, 4:26
142 Justin Ware (NU) dec. John Hughes, 3-2
150 Russ Hughes (PSU) dec. Temoer Terry, 3-1
158 Jason Kraft (NU) dec. Tony Griffin, 6-4
167 Chad Nelson (NU) maj. dec. Matt Hardy, 15-3
177 Brian Matusic (PSU) dec. Ryan Tobin, 10-6
190 Rob Piper (PSU) dec. Tom Manzella, 6-3
Hwt Kerry McCoy (PSU) pinned Tolly Thompson, 1:05

Nebraska 32, Iowa State 11
Fifth-Place Match, National Dual Championships
January 23, Lincoln

118 Scott Gonyo (NU) dec. Jason Nurre, 10-3
126 Eric Akin (ISU) dec. Steve Baer, 4-3
134 Jason Reitmeier (NU) pinned Kenny Hron, :42
142 Justin Ware (NU) dec. Derek Mountsier, 9-5
150 Temoer Terry (NU) dec. Chris Bono, 3-2
158 Jason Kraft (NU) pinned Bart Horton, 4:22
ISU penalized one team point for misconduct
167 Barry Weldon (ISU) dec. Chad Nelson, 4-1
177 Tom Manzella (NU) pinned Rob Steger, 1:14
190 Dan Troupe (ISU) won by forfeit
Hwt Tolly Thompson (NU) tech. fall Matt Carson, 22-7

Nebraska 25, Oklahoma 20
January 30, Norfolk, Neb.

118 Scott Gonyo (NU) pinned Alfredo Varela, 1:46
126 Steve Baer (NU) dec. Eric Ivins, 6-5
134 Shawn Harrison (OU) won by forfeit
142 Justin Ware (NU) pinned Jace Prather, 4:16
150 Temoer Terry (NU) maj. dec. Heath Martin, 15-6
158 Jason Kraft (NU) dec. Carl Williamson, 13-10
167 Jason Leonard (OU) maj. dec. Tom Manzella, 15-7
177 Quincy Clark (OU) maj. dec. Ryan Tobin, 18-8
190 Andy Foster (OU) won by forfeit
Hwt Tolly Thompson (NU) dec. John Kading, 7-0

Minnesota 34, Nebraska 7
February 3, Worthington, Minn.

118 Scott Gonyo (NU) dec. Brandon Paulson, 8-1
126 Tim Harris (MN) dec. Steve Baer, 5-4
134 Chris Berglin (MN) dec. Jason Reitmeier, 7-4
142 Justin Ware (NU) maj. dec. Jeff Thompson, 12-4
150 Willy Short (MN) maj. dec. Temoer Terry, 11-3
158 Zac Taylor (MN) dec. Jason Kraft, 7-6
167 Wade Short (MN) won by dq. over Tom Manzella
177 Brett Colombini (MN) won by forfeit
190 Darren Andy (MN) pinned Ryan Tobin, 6:29
Hwt Billy Pierce (MN) dec. Tolly Thompson, 5-2

Iowa State 21, Nebraska 19
February 6, Ames, Iowa

118 Scott Gonyo (NU) maj. dec. Jason Nurre, 10-2
126 Eric Akin (ISU) dec. Steve Baer, 5-0
134 Derek Mountsier (ISU) pinned Jason Reitmeier, 3:44
142 Justin Ware (NU) pinned John DeLeon, 5:35
150 Chris Bono (ISU) dec. Temoer Terry, 12-6
158 Jason Kraft (NU) dec. Barry Weldon, 4-3
167 Steve Kelly (ISU) dec. Tom Manzella, 10-4
177 Ryan Tobin (NU) dec. Rob Steger, 14-8
190 Dan Troupe (ISU) pinned Russ Vering, 1:40
Hwt Tolly Thompson (NU) dec. Matt Carson, 14-7

Nebraska 24, Wyoming 21
February 12, Laramie, Wyo.

118 Tom Hickenlooper (WYO) won by forfeit
126 Steve Baer (NU) won by forfeit
134 Frank Velazquez (NU) tech. fall Bryce Bochy, 22-6
142 Justin Ware (NU) pinned Jason Gregersen, 6:24
150 Shilo Mathill (WYO) dec. Mike Eierman, 12-5
158 Jason Kraft (NU) dec. Brent Voorhees, 7-5
167 Pete Szymcazk (WYO) dec. Tom Manzella, 3-1
177 Reese Andy (WYO) dec. Ryan Tobin, 7-4
190 Darin Smith (WYO) pinned Russ Vering, 6:21
Hwt Tolly Thompson (NU) maj. dec. Jon Parson, 19-11

Nebraska 25, Missouri 14
February 16, Lincoln

118 Scott Gonyo (NU) won by forfeit
126 Steve Baer (NU) won by forfeit
134 Frank Velazquez (NU) maj. dec. Mike Harp, 18-5
142 Justin Ware (NU) dec. Kenny Liddell, 12-10 (OT)
150 Temoer Terry (NU) dec. Todd Sacksteder, 9-6
158 Jason Kraft (NU) dec. Mike Collins, 6-4
167 Shaon Fry (MU) maj. dec. Tom Manzella, 15-6
177 Jason Sexton (MU) dec. Ryan Tobin, 8-3
190 Cory Hodapp (MU) maj. dec. Russ Vering, 14-4
Hwt Jeremey Lay (MU) dec. Tolly Thompson, 12-5

Nebraska 29, Northern Iowa 6
February 19, Lincoln

118 Scott Gonyo (NU) dec. Scott Murray, 10-4
126 Steve Baer (NU) maj. dec. Andrew Showalter, 12-2
134 Frank Velazquez (NU) tech. fall Dan Beerman, 6:55
142 Justin Ware (NU) dec. Tim Novak, 11-6
150 Temoer Terry (NU) dec. Doug Kjeldgaard, 3-1
158 Jason Kraft (NU) maj. dec. Dan Kjeldgaard, 19-7
167 Tom Manzella (NU) maj. dec. Ken Ciesielski, 13-3
177 Dave Malecek (UNI) dec. Ryan Tobin, 3-0
190 Chad Dennie (UNI) dec. Russ Vering, 5-2
Hwt Tolly Thompson (NU) dec. Justin Greenlee, 6-4

Mark Cody enters his seventh season as a Husker assistant and is in charge of Nebraska's upper weights.

Cornhusker Honor Roll

National AAU and Federation Champions

1948-- Newt Copple, 147
1949-- Mike DiBiase, Hwt
1952-- Newt Copple, 147
1953-- Newt Copple, 147
1958-- Newt Copple, 147
1959-- Newt Copple, 147
1962-- Dan Brand, 177
1963-- Dan Brand, 177
1964-- Dan Brand, 177
Jim Raschke, Hwt
1970-- Bob Orta, 105.5
1982-- Bill Scherr, 198
Gary Albright, Hwt

Midlands Champions

1983-- *Al Freeman, 142;
Jim Scherr, 177
Bill Scherr, 190
*Outstanding Wrestler

NWCA All-Stars

1983-- Al Freeman, 142
Jim Scherr, 177
1984-- Bill Scherr, 190
Gary Albright, Hwt
1985-- Gary Albright, Hwt
1990-- Jason Kelber, 126
Joe Malecek, Hwt
1991-- Jason Kelber, 126
Corey Olson, 177
1993-- Tony Purler, 126
Matt Lindland, 158
Corey Olson, 177
Rulon Gardner, Hwt

NWCA All-America Team

1990-- Jason Kelber, 126
Corey Olson, 177
Chris Nelson, 190

NWCA All-Academic Team

1991-- Jason Kelber (1st team)
Layne Billings (2nd team)
1992-- Chris Nelson (2nd team)
1993-- John Buxton (1st team)
Rick Coltvet
1994-- Scott Gonyo (2nd team)
NWCA—National Wrestling Coaches Association.

Amateur Wrestling News Freshman All-Stars

1982-- Gary Albright, Hwt
1985-- Keenan Turner, 150
1990-- Corey Olson, 177
John Buxton, 118 (2nd team)
1994-- Justin Ware, 142 (1st team)
Temoer Terry, 150 (3rd team)
Jason Kraft, 158 (2nd team)
Tolly Thompson, Hwt. (3rd team)

International Honors

Olympians

1960-- Dan Brand,
Light Heavyweight (5th)
1964-- Dan Brand,
Middleweight (3rd)
1988-- Jim Scherr, 198 (5th)
1988-- Bill Scherr, 220 (3rd)

World Champions

1986-- Bill Scherr, 198

World Cup Champions

1986-- Jim Scherr, 180.5
1989-- Jim Scherr, 198
Bill Scherr, 220

Goodwill Games

1990-- Bill Scherr, 220 (1st)
Jim Scherr, 198 (2nd)
1994-- Brad Penrith, Asst. Coach (3rd)

NU Wrestling Awards

Most Valuable

1986-- Gary Albright, Hwt
1987-- Gil Sanchez, 134
1988-- Jeff Coltvet, 158
1989-- Jason Kelber, 126
1990-- Jason Kelber, 126
1991-- Jason Kelber, 126
1992-- Chris Nelson, 190
1993-- Tony Purler, 126
Corey Olson, 177
1994-- Frank Velazquez, 134

Most Improved

1986-- Jeff Coltvet, 158
1987-- Cody Olson, 177
1988-- Matt Rempe, 142
Dave Evans, 126
1989-- Paul Herrera, 150
1990-- Todd Enger, 150
1991-- Todd Enger, 150
1992-- Tommy Robbins, 167
1993-- Mike Eierman, 142
1994-- Ryan Tobin, 177

Most Dedicated

1988-- Dave Droegemueller, 134
1989-- Scott Chenoweth, 167
1990-- Chris Nelson, 190
1991-- Chris Nelson, 190
1992-- Matt Lindland, 158
1993-- Matt Lindland, 158
1994-- Scott Gonyo, 118

Redshirt-of-the-Year

1986-- Tom Busler, 177
1987-- Scott Chenoweth, 167
1988-- Shane Snyder, 158
1989-- Joe Malecek, Hwt
1990-- Dave Pope, 150
1991-- Paul Collier, 134
1992-- Chad Nelson, 167
1993-- Tolly Thompson, Hwt.
1994-- Darin Giese, 118

Two of the top wrestlers in the world during their respective careers, Bill (left) and Jim Scherr led the Huskers to three top six finishes at the NCAA Championships in the mid-1980s. In 1984, the twins, from Mobridge, S.D., both captured national titles as Nebraska finished a then-school-best fourth. The two were both members of the 1988 United States Olympic Team. Jim placed fifth at 198 pounds in the 1988 Games at Seoul, South Korea, while Bill won a bronze medal at 220 pounds.

Nebraska at the Big Eight Championships

1994 Big Eight Championships

March 5, 1994, Ames, Iowa

Team Scoring

1. Oklahoma St.	77.75	4. Iowa State	54.00
2. Oklahoma	64.00	5. Missouri	37.75
3. Nebraska	**57.00**		

Most Outstanding Wrestler: Pat Smith, OSU (158)
Most Falls/Least Time: J.J. McGrew (1/:48)
Attendance (Total for two sessions): 5,303

Individual Results

118- 1. Eric Akin, ISU dec. Eric Ivins, OU, 9-5
3. **Scott Gonyo, NU** won by fofeit
126- 1. Nick Purler, OSU dec. Shawn Harrison, OU, 11-9 (OT)
3. **Steve Baer, NU** dec. Ken Hron, ISU, 4-1
134- 1. **Frank Velazquez, NU** dec. Derek Mountsier, ISU, 7-5 (OT)
3. Scott Reyna, OSU pinned Joey Heckel, OU, 3:45
142- 1. Alan Fried, OSU dec. **Justin Ware, NU, 11-5**
3. Kenny Liddell, MU dec. Ron Groves, ISU, 3-1
150- 1. Jacob Newby, OSU dec. **Temoer Terry, NU, 5-4**
3. Chris Bono, ISU dec. Todd Sacksteder, MU, 3-2
158- 1. Pat Smith, OSU maj. dec. **Jason Kraft, NU, 20-9**
3. Barry Weldon, ISU dec. Mike Collins, MU, 4-2
167- 1. Shaon Fry, MU dec. Jason Leonard, OU, 5-1
3. Mark Branch, OSU dec. Steve Kelly, ISU, 9-3
177- 1. Quincey Clark, OU dec. Travis Gittins, OSU, 3-2
3. Rob Steger, ISU dec. **Ryan Tobin, NU, 10-6**
190- 1. Andy Foster, OU dec. Dan Troupe, ISU, 4-2
3. J.J. McGrew, OSU dec. Joe Wier, MU, 10-3
Hwt- 1. Jeremey Lay, MU dec. John Kading, OU, 2-1
3. **Tolly Thompson, NU** dec. George Parker, OSU, 5-4

Conference Champions

Missouri Valley (1)
1924--Kellogg, 125
Big Six (1)
1929--Aldolph Simic, 155
Big Seven (13)
1947--Mike DiBiase, Hwt
1948--Bob Yambor, 121; Mike DiBiase, Hwt
1949--Bob Yambor, 121; Michael Sparano, 136; Herb Reese 175; Mike DiBiase, Hwt
1950--Harold Gilliland, 126; Herb Reese, 175
1951--Herb Reese, Hwt
1953--Ed Husmann, Hwt
1954--Max Kitzelman, Hwt
1955--Charles Bryant, 167
Big Eight (19)
1962--Harold Thompson, 147; Jim Raschke, Hwt
1981--*Johnnie Selmon, 134
1982--*Johnnie Selmon, 142; Bill Scherr, 190
1983--Al Freeman, 142
1984--Jim Scherr, 177; Bill Scherr, 190; Gary Albright, Hwt
1987--Cody Olson, 177
1989--Sonny Manley, Hwt
1990--*John Buxton, 118; Joe Malecek, Hwt
1991--*Jason Kelber, 126
1992--*Chris Nelson, 190
1993--Tony Purler, 126; Frank Velazquez, 134; Matt Lindland, 158
1994--Frank Velazquez, 134
***Outstanding Wrestler-of-the-Meet**

Nebraska Big Eight Results (Since 1980)

Year	Place	Points	Conference Finalists
1994	3rd	57.00	Frank Velazquez (134)-1st
			Justin Ware (142)--2nd
			Temoer Terry (150)--2nd
			Jason Kraft (158)--2nd
1993	1st	86.00	John Buxton (118)--2nd
			Tony Purler (126)--1st
			Frank Velazquez (134)--1st
			Mike Eierman (142)--2nd
			Rick Coltvet (150)--2nd
			Matt Lindland (158)--1st
			Corey Olson (177)--2nd
			Ovanes Oganisian (190)--2nd
			Rulon Gardner (Hwt)--2nd
1992	3rd	52.00	Corey Olson (177)--2nd
			Chris Nelson (190)--1st
1991	3rd	63.50	Jason Kelber (126)--1st
			Scott Chenoweth (177)--2nd
1990	2nd	70.50	John Buxton (118)--1st
			Jason Kelber (126)--2nd
			Paul Herrera (142)--2nd
			Corey Olson (177)--2nd
			Chris Nelson (190)--2nd
			Joe Malecek (Hwt)--1st
1989	4th	39.50	Sonny Manley (Hwt)--1st
1988	4th	32.00	Terry Cook (118)--2nd
			Keenan Turner (150)--2nd
			Jeff Coltvet (158)--2nd
1987	4th	38.75	Gil Sanchez (134)--2nd
			Cody Olson (177)--1st
1986	4th	48.00	Terry Cook (126)--2nd
			Gil Sanchez (134)--2nd
			Gary Albright (Hwt)--2nd
1985	4th	27.00	None
1984	4th	43.00	Jim Scherr (177)--1st
			Bill Scherr (190)--1st
			Gary Albright (Hwt)--1st
1983	3rd	61.00	Al Freeman (142)--1st
			Ray Oliver (167)--2nd
			Jim Scherr (177)--2nd
			Bill Scherr (190)--2nd
1982	4th	54.25	Johnnie Selmon (142)--1st
			Bill Scherr (190)--1st
			Gary Albright (Hwt)--2nd
1981	4th	37.00	Scott Morgan (118)--2nd
			Johnnie Selmon (134)--1st
1980	6th	11.75	None

1994 NCAA Championships

1994 NCAA Championships

March 17-19, 1994
Smith Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.
(Bold indicates 1993-94 NU Opponents)
TEAM SCORING

1. Oklahoma St.	**94.75**	**7. Clemson**	**37.75**
2. Iowa	76.50	**8. Arizona State**	**36.00**
3. Penn State	**57.00**	**8. Oklahoma**	**36.00**
4. Oregon State	49.50	**10. Iowa State**	**32.75**
5. Michigan	41.00	11. Fresno State	31.00
6. No. Carolina	39.00	**11. Northern Iowa**	**31.00**

Other 1994 Nebraska Opponents

13. Minnesota 29.25; 15. Clarion 24.00; 17. Cornell 22.50; 18. Missouri 21.50; 22. Wyoming 20.00; 24. Ohio State 18.50; **29. Nebraska 14.50;** 33. Indiana 12.50; 50. Brown 3.75.

Scott Gonyo (above) won All-America honors at 118 pounds last season as he finished sixth at the NCAA Championships and finished the season with an overall record of 32-11. Corey Olson (below) was a three-time All-American for Nebraska from 1990-93, including two runner-up finishes in his final two seasons with the Huskers.

Nebraska Individual Results

( )-indicates tournament seed

118- **Scott Gonyo (7), NU** dec. Brandon Paulson, Minnesota, 9-2
Gonyo dec. Sheldon Thomas (10), Clarion, 13-8
Eric Akin (2), Iowa State maj. dec. **Gonyo**, 9-1
Gonyo dec. Dan Finacchio, Rider, 9-7
Gonyo dec. Pete Rinella, Bloomsburg, 9-7
Kevin Roberts (12), Oregon dec. **Gonyo**, 2-1
Matt Hanutke (4), Wisconsin dec. **Gonyo, 6-2 for fifth place**
Champion
Sam Henson (1), Clemson dec. Akin (2), Iowa State, 2-2 (OT/TB)

126- **Steve Baer, NU** dec. Dontae Smith (10), Morgan State, 12-8
Chris Russo (7), Indiana dec. **Baer**, 6-4
Baer dec. Mike Kendall, North Carolina, 4-3
Baer dec. Mike Norton, North Carolina State, 6-3
Nick Purler (1), Oklahoma State dec. **Baer**, 9-3
Champion
David Hirsch (3), Cornell dec. Jody Staylor (5), ODU, 2-1

134- Mike Krafchick, Virginia dec. **Frank Velazquez (3), NU, 6-3**
Champion
T.J. Jaworsky (2), N. Caro. md. Babak Mohammadi, Oregon State, 12-4

142- Tony Evans, Boise State dec. **Justin Ware (6), NU, 14-11**
Shannyn Gillespie (11), Lock Haven dec. **Ware 11-10**
Champion
Alan Fried, (1), Okla. State md. Gerry Abas (2), Fresno State, 15-6

150- Brian Harper (6), Michigan md. **Temoer Terry, NU 12-3**
Terry md. Tom Shifflet (11), Edinboro, 14-4
Jake Gaeir (3), Cal-Poly dec. **Terry, 9-2**
Champion
Lincoln McIlravy (1), Iowa dec. Harper (6), Michigan, 8-3

158- **Jason Kraft, NU** dec. Andy Fitzpatrick, Bloomsburg, 11-6
Kraft dec. John McClain, Indiana, 4-2
Pat Smith (1), Oklahoma State tf. **Kraft, 6:41**
Jim Andrassy, Kent pinned **Kraft, 5:22**
Champion
Smith (1), Okla. State dec. Sean Bormet (2), Michigan, 6-2

167-Nebraska did not compete
Champion
Mark Branch, Okla. St. dec. Laszlo Molnar, Fullerton State, 4-2

177-Dan Payne (8), Clarion dec. **Ryan Tobin, NU, 9-6**
Champion
Dean Morrison (2), West Virginia dec. Reese Andy, Wyoming, 3-2

190- Nebraska did not compete
Champion
Joel Sharratt (3), Iowa dec. Andy Foster (1), Oklahoma, 3-2

HW- Tony Vaughn (6), Purdue dec. **Tolly Thompson (11), NU, 3-1 (OT)**
Thompson pinned Wally Wickline, Duquense, 4:57
Thompson dec. Billy Pierce (3), Minnesota, 4-2
Josh Feldman (12), Virginia Tech dec. **Thompson, 6-3**
Champion
Kerry McCoy (1), Penn State dec. Justin Greenlee, No. Iowa, 7-4

Nebraska NCAA Championship History

NCAA Champions

1963-- Mike Nissen, 123
1984-- Jim Scherr, 177
1984-- Bill Scherr, 190
1991-- Jason Kelber, 126
1993-- Tony Purler, 126

Finalists

1963-- Mike Nissen, 123
1983-- Al Freeman, 142
1984-- Jim Scherr, 177
Bill Scherr, 190
Gary Albright, Hwt
1987-- Gil Sanchez, 134
1990-- Jason Kelber, 126
1991-- Jason Kelber, 126
1992-- Corey Olson, 177
1993-- Tony Purler, 126
Corey Olson, 177

All-Americans (Top 8)

1942-- Newt Copple (4th), 145
1949-- Herb Reese (3rd), 175
1954-- Max Kitzelman (3rd), Hwt
1958-- Dan Brand (4th), Hwt
1962-- Mike Nissen (3rd), 123
Harold Thompson (3rd), 147
1963-- Mike Nissen (1st), 123
1971-- Joe George (6th), 167
1981-- Al Freeman (8th), 142
1982-- Bill Scherr (4th), 190
Johnnie Selmon (5th), 142
Jim Scherr (6th), 177
Gary Albright (7th), Hwt
1983-- Al Freeman (2nd), 142
Bill Scherr (3rd), 190
Ray Oliver (4th), 167
1984-- Jim Scherr (1st), 177
Bill Scherr (1st), 190
Gary Albright (2nd), Hwt
1986-- Gary Albright (3rd), Hwt
1987-- Gil Sanchez (2nd), 134
1989-- Jason Kelber (6th), 126
Scott Chenoweth (8th),167
1990-- Jason Kelber (2nd), 126
Paul Herrera (7th), 142
Scott Chenoweth (7th),167
Corey Olson (3rd), 177
Chris Nelson (5th), 190
Joe Malecek (7th), Hwt
1991-- Jason Kelber (1st), 126
Scott Chenoweth (7th),177
1992-- Corey Olson (2nd), 177
Chris Nelson (6th), 190
1993-- John Buxton (8th), 118
Tony Purler (1st), 126
Frank Velazquez (7th), 134
Mike Eierman (5th), 142
Corey Olson (2nd), 177
Rulon Gardner (4th), Hwt
1994-- Scott Gonyo (6th), 118

Nebraska NCAA Championship Results (Since 1980)

Year	Place	Points	All-Americans
1994	29th	14.50	Scott Gonyo (118)--6th
1993	3rd	79.50	John Buxton (118)--8th
			Tony Purler (126)--1st
			Frank Velazquez (134)--7th
			Mike Eierman (142)--5th
			Corey Olson (177)--2nd
			Rulon Gardner (Hwt)--4th
1992	11th	28.00	Corey Olson (177)--2nd
			Chris Nelson (190)--6th
1991	10th	38.00	Jason Kelber (126)--1st
			Scott Chenoweth (177)--7th
1990	5th	64.25	Jason Kelber (126)--2nd
			Paul Herrera (142)--7th
			Scott Chenoweth (167)--7th
			Corey Olson (177)--3rd
			Chris Nelson (190)--5th
			Joe Malecek (Hwt)--7th
1989	17th	28.00	Jason Kelber (126)--6th
			Scott Chenoweth (167)--8th
1988	39th	6.25	None
1987	14th	24.50	Gil Sanchez (134)--2nd
1986	12th	28.25	Gary Albright (Hwt)--3rd
1985	41st	5.50	None
1984	4th	61.00	Jim Scherr (177)--1st
			Bill Scherr(190)--1st
			Gary Albright (Hwt)--2nd
1983	6th	46.00	Al Freeman (142)--2nd
			Ray Oliver (167)--4th
			Bill Scherr (190)--3rd
1982	6th	40.25	Johnnie Selmon (142)--5th
			Jim Scherr (177)--6th
			Bill Scherr (190)--4th
			Gary Albright (Hwt)--7th
1981	32nd	8.00	Al Freeman (142)--8th
1980	39th	3.00	None

Nebraska National Champions

Jim Scherr
1984, 177

Bill Scherr
1984, 190

Jason Kelber
1991, 126

Tony Purler
1993, 126

Not Pictured: Mike Nissen, 1963, 123 pounds

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SEASON AND CAREER RECORDS

(Bold Indicates 1994 Husker Wrestlers)

SEASON WINS

	Wrestler	Record
1.	Gil Sanchez (1986-87)	46- 3-0
2.	Gary Albright (1985-86)	43- 4-1
3.	Joe Malecek (1989-90)	39- 4-2
4.	Bill Scherr (1982-83)	38- 4-0
	Tolly Thompson (1993-94)	**38-13-0**
6.	Bill Scherr (1981-82)	37- 5-0
7.	Matt Lindland (1992-93)	36- 1-0
	Bill Scherr (1983-84*)	36- 1-0
9.	Tony Purler (1992-93*)	35- 2-0
	Jim Scherr (1983-84*)	35- 2-1
	Jason Kelber (1989-90)	35- 4-0
	Chris Nelson (1989-90)	35- 9-0
	Jeff Coltvet (1985-86)	35-10-2
	Corey Olson (1989-90)	35-12-0

Other 30-Win Seasons—Jason Kelber (1990-91) 34-2-0*; Rulon Gardner (1992-93) 34-5-0; Ray Oliver (1982-83) 34-7-1; Scott Chenoweth (1989-90) 34-7-0; Paul Herrera (1989-90) 33-11-0; Jason Kelber (1988-89) 33-13-0; Scott Gonyo (1993-94) 32-11-0; Gary Albright (1983-84) 31-3-1; Corey Olson (1991-92) 31-7; Chris Nelson (1991-92) 31-8-2; Bill Ferrie (1986-87) 31-8-2; Jeff Coltvet (1988-89) 31-10-1; Chris Marisette (1985-86) 30-8-0; Jeff Coltvet (1987-88) 30-9-0; **Mike Eierman (1992-93) 30-14-0.**
*—national championship season

TOP 10 SEASON WINNING PERCENTAGES
(20-match minimum)

	Wrestler	Record	Pct.
1.	Matt Lindland (1992-93)	36-1-0	.973
	Bill Scherr (1983-84)	36-1-0	.973
3.	Mike Nissen (1962-63)	19-1-0	.950
4.	Tony Purler (1992-93)	35-2-0	.946
5.	Jason Kelber (1990-91)	34-2-0	.944
6.	Gil Sanchez (1986-87)	46-3-0	.939
7.	Al Freeman (1982-83)	29-2-0	.935
8.	Jim Scherr (1983-84)	35-2-1	.934
9.	Joe Malecek (1989-90)	39-4-2	.911
10.	Gary Albright (1983-84)	31-3-1	.906

Other standout seasons (less than 20 matches)

	Wrestler	Record	Pct.
1.	Harold Thompson (1961-62)	17-1-0	.944
2.	Herb Reese (1950-51)	14-1-0	.933
3.	Max Kitzelman (1953-54)	13-1-0	.929
4.	Herb Reese (1948-49)	14-1-1	.906
5.	Mike Nissen (1961-62)	17-2-0	.895
6.	Jim Raschke (1961-62)	12-1-1	.893
7.	Ed Hussman (1952-53)	14-2-0	.875
8.	Mike Nissen (1960-61)	12-2-0	.857
9.	Bob Yambor (1948-49)	14-3-0	.824
10.	Herb Reese (1949-50)	13-3-0	.813

Jason Kelber ranks as the second-winningest wrestler in Nebraska history with 123 career victories. He was a three-time All-American, including a national championship at 126 pounds in 1991.

TOP 10 SEASON FALLS

	Wrestler	P-TF-Tot.
1.	Gary Albright (1985-86)	34-2--36
2.	Gil Sanchez (1986-87)	14-15--29
3.	Corey Olson (1992-93)	17-4--21
4.	Corey Olson (1991-92)	19-0--19
	Tolly Thompson (1993-94)	**13-6--19**
6.	Corey Olson (1989-90)	18-0--18
7.	Gary Albright (1983-84)	17-0--17
8.	Jason Kelber (1989-90)	9-5--14
9.	Keenan Turner (1985-86)	9-4--13
	Rulon Gardner (1991-93)	11-2--13

TOP 10 SEASON DUAL VICTORIES

	Wrestler	Record	Pct.
1.	Joe Malecek (1989-90)	21-1-2	.917
2.	Chris Nelson (1989-90)	21-2-0	.913
3.	Bill Scherr (1982-83)	20-2-0	.909
4.	Ray Oliver (1982-83)	19-2-1	.886
	Paul Herrera (1989-90)	19-5-0	.791
6.	Gil Sanchez (1986-87)	18-0-0	1.000
	Jason Kelber (1989-90)	18-2-0	.900
8.	Gary Albright (1983-84)	17-0-0	1.000
	Al Freeman (1980-81)	17-1-0	.944
	Bill Scherr (1983-84)	17-1-0	.944
	Bill Scherr (1981-82)	17-2-0	.895
	Tim Neumann (1979-80)	17-4-0	.809
	Bill Scherr (1980-81)	17-4-0	.809
	Corey Olson (1989-90)	17-5-0	.773

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SEASON AND CAREER RECORDS

(Bold Indicates 1994 Husker Wrestlers)

TOP 10 SEASON DUAL WINNING PERCENTAGES
(10-Match Minimum)

	Wrestler	Record	Pct.
1.	Gil Sanchez (1986-87)	18-0-0	1.000
	Gary Albright (1983-84)	17-0-0	1.000
	Jason Kelber (1990-91)	16-0-0	1.000
	Al Freeman (1982-83)	16-0-0	1.000
	Mike Nissen (1962-63)	13-0-0	1.000
	Mike Nissen (1960-61)	12-0-0	1.000
	Tony Jennings (1974-75)	12-0-0	1.000
	Matt Lindland (1992-93)	11-0-0	1.000
	Herb Reese (1950-51)	11-0-0	1.000
	Harold Thompson (1961-62)	11-0-0	1.000
	Mike Nissen (1961-62)	11-0-0	1.000

TOP 10 CAREER WON-LOSS RECORDS

	Wrestler	Record
1.	Bill Scherr (1980-84)	133-18-0
2.	Jason Kelber (1987-91)	123-30-0
3.	Corey Olson (1989-93)	115-28-0
4.	Jeff Coltvet (1984-89)	113-48-4
5.	Gary Albright (1981-86)	112-19-4
6.	Jim Scherr (1980-84)	109-25-4
7.	Chris Nelson (1988-92)	101-37-3
8.	Gil Sanchez (1982-87)	96-25-3
	Scott Chenoweth (1987-91)	96-40-1
10.	John Buxton (1989-93)	85-33-4

TOP 10 CAREER WON-LOSS PERCENTAGES
(50-match minimum)

	Wrestler	Record	Pct.
1.	Mike Nissen (1960-63)	48-5-0	.906
2.	Bill Scherr (1980-84)	133-18-0	.881
3.	Johnnie Selmon (1980-82)	46-7-1	.861
4.	Gary Albright (1981-86)	112-19-4	.844
5.	**Frank Velazquez (1993-94)**	**49-10-0**	**.831**
6.	Jim Scherr (1980-84)	109-25-4	.8043
7.	Corey Olson (1989-93)	115-28-0	.8042
8.	Jason Kelber (1987-91)	123-30-0	.8039
9.	Matt Lindland (1991-93)	60-15-0	.800
10.	Rulon Gardner (1991-93)	58-15-2	.787
	Others not reaching minimum number of matches:		
	Herb Reese (1948-51)	41-5-1	.883

TOP FIVE CAREER FALLS

	Wrestler	P-TF-Tot
1.	Gary Albright (1981-86)	66-2--68
2.	Corey Olson (1989-93)	63-4--67
3.	Gil Sanchez (1982-87)	27-23--50
4.	Jason Kelber (1987-91)	29-18--47
5.	Bill Scherr (1980-84)	34-0--34

TOP 10 CAREER DUAL WON-LOSS RECORDS

	Wrestler	Record
1.	Bill Scherr (1980-84)	71- 9-0
2.	Jason Kebler (1987-91)	59-13-0
3.	Gary Albright (1981-86)	58- 4-3
	Jeff Coltvet (1984-89)	58-16-4
5.	Jim Scherr (1980-84)	56-13-3
6.	Al Freeman (1978-83)	52-15-1
7.	Corey Olson (1989-93)	49-14-0
8.	Gil Sanchez (1982-87)	47- 9-3
9.	Ray Oliver (1980-83)	45-11-3
10.	Joe Malecek (1986-90)	39-17-4

TOP 10 CAREER DUAL WON-LOSS PERCENTAGES
(30-match minimum)

	Wrestler	Record	Pct.
1.	Mike Nissen (1960-63)	36- 0-0	1.000
2.	Herb Reese (1948-51)	29- 2-1	.922
3.	Gary Albright (1981-86)	58- 4-3	.915
4.	Bill Scherr (1980-84)	71- 9-0	.888
5.	Johnnie Selmon (1980-82)	26- 4-1	.855
6.	Bruce Conger (1973-76)	28- 4-3	.843
7.	Tony Jennings (1972-76)	28- 5-2	.828
8.	Gil Sanchez (1982-87)	47- 9-3	.822
9.	Jason Kelber (1987-91)	59-13-0	.819
10.	Jim Scherr (1980-84)	56-13-3	.788
	Others not reaching minimum number of matches:		
	Frank Velazquez (1993-94)	19- 2-0	.905

Former Husker Gil Sanchez tops the Nebraska charts for most victories in a season, with 46 in 1986-87. Sanchez is currently in his second season as the head wrestling coach at Clemson.

Nebraska Athletic Facilities

The Bob Devaney Sports Center

For the past 18 years, the University of Nebraska wrestling team has had its home in the Bob Devaney Sports Center complete with a spacious practice room.

The wrestling practice area is in the center section of the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The practice room is 100' by 50' and is adjoined by private locker rooms. Also nearby are training and sauna areas as well as weight training and indoor running facilities. The wrestling room has an independent heat and humidity control, which ensure the maximum in efficient training.

Nebraska holds its meets in the 14,302-seat arena located in the east end of the complex. The arena is one of the nation's finest collegiate athletic facilities. In addition to the Husker wrestling team, it is also home to the Husker men's and women's basketball and gymnastics teams. Last season the Devaney Center played host to NCAA men's gymnastics championships and in the past has hosted regional games in the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournament and NCAA women's volleyball tournament and Big Eight Championships in several sports.

The building also includes an indoor track, swimming pool and a practice area for the men's gymnastics team and offices for 10 of Nebraska's 22 varsity sports.

Athletic Director

Bill Byrne

A new chapter in the Huskers' rich athletic tradition began on June 26, 1992, when Nebraska Chancellor Dr. Graham Spanier introduced Bill Byrne to succeed longtime athletic director Bob Devaney. Byrne became the 10th athletic director in school history and the third since 1962.

An energetic 49-year-old, Byrne came to Nebraska following a highly-successful eight-year stint as athletic director at the University of Oregon. Recently named as secretary-treasurer of the College Football Association and a member of that organization's board of directors, Byrne heads into his second basketball season as NU's athletic director.

He arrived in Lincoln as athletic director-designate on Nov. 1, 1992, took the reins of the athletic department on Jan. 4, 1993, and has been a tireless worker every step of the way. During his first year on the job, Byrne traveled with nearly every Husker team at least once and canvassed the state of Nebraska, visiting with boosters, while learning the needs and concerns of Husker fans everywhere and making more than 150 speeches in the process.

Under Byrne's leadership, the Husker athletic department has never missed a beat. In fact, during the 1993-94 academic year, Nebraska:

*Won its 15th straight Big Eight Conference all-sports championship.

*Won nine of 21 conference championships (football, men's and women's gymnastics, men's and women's swimming, women's indoor and outdoor track, women's cross country and men's indoor track), two more than the previous year. In addition, the Nebraska men's basketball team won its first-ever Phillips 66 Big Eight Tournament title and the Husker men's gymnastics team claimed the NCAA title.

*Finished in the upper division of the conference standings in 17 of 21 sports, and was 18th overall in the National Director's Cup all-sports race.

*Produced its nation-leading 10th NCAA Today's Top Six Award winner in Trev Alberts, who also claimed the school's first Butkus Award.

In addition to maintaining a high standard of excellence on the playing field, Byrne has successfully reorganized the department for the 21st century. Stressing a more efficient use of resources, Byrne is in the process of creating a one-stop shopping type of organization so that the needs of student-athletes, fans and contributors can be met as promptly as possible.

A former member of the NCAA committee for athletic certification, Byrne is recognized as a national leader in intercollegiate athletics and was recently appointed to the NCAA's special events committee. He is continuing to make an aggressive effort, along with other Big Eight athletic directors, to place Nebraska and other conference officials on key NCAA committees in an effort to better represent the views of Big Eight member institutions.

His plans for the future could lead to even more success for the Huskers. Women's soccer was added as a varsity sport at Nebraska for the fall of 1994, giving the Huskers a Big Eight-leading 22-sport offering. Byrne enlisted the Kansas City, Mo., firm of HOK Sport to develop a master facilities plan for the Huskers' athletic program. In conjunction with the rest of the NU administration, Byrne has arranged to use the Husker football and basketball networks to promote causes and concerns which are important to the entire University community, including the institution's increased role in research.

The continued rise of the overall Husker program should come as no surprise considering Byrne's previous accomplishments. He went to Oregon in 1992 as associate athletic director and the top administrator for the Duck Athletic Fund. He immediately established fund-raising offices in Portland and southern Oregon and established a full-time marketing and promotions operation, which blossomed to encompass the Oregon Sports Network for statewide inhouse production of Ducks' athletic contests on radio and television.

He assumed the duties of director of athletics in May of 1984 as one of the youngest directors in Division I athletics. During his eight-year tenure as athletic director, Oregon qualified for postseason competition in football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, wrestling, softball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's track and field and men's golf. The Ducks claimed three NCAA titles in Byrne's tenure, one each in men's and women's track and field and women's cross country. Meanwhile, Oregon's overall athletic budget soared to $12.5 million in 1992 from $5 million in 1984.

One of Byrne's most noted accomplishments at Oregon was the three-year construction project to build the $11 million Casanova Athletic Center, the home of the Ducks' football team and athletic department offices. The project, $19 million in all, also included a new press box, sky suites and a complete renovation of Autzen Stadium. The facility was financed through skybox and skysuite revenues, sale of sponsor seats and cash and gift-in-kind donations. It was completed in 1991 and two years later, the facility's Hall of Champions was dedicated in Byrne's honor.

Respected by his peers, Byrne served as president of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) in 1991-92, and is in his fifth year on that organization's executive committee. He was also chairman of the Pac-10 Conference executive committee and was named national fund-raiser-of-the-year by the National Athletic Fundraisers.

Born in Boston, Byrne grew up in Idaho and attended Idaho State University, where he was student body president. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in business at the Pocatello school in 1967 and 1971, respectively. Before going to Oregon in 1982, he was assistant athletic director at San Diego State (1980-82), executive director of the New Mexico Lobo Club (1976-79) and director of alumni relations at Idaho State (1971-76).

A professional educator, Byrne's wife Marilyn served as a middle school principal in Oregon. She is completing coursework for a PhD. and is teaching at Nebraska. The Byrnes have two sons, Bill, who is employed by Visa in Red Wood City, Calif., and Greg, a recent graduate of Arizona State.

Nebraska Athletic Directors

1928-1931--H.D. Gish
1932-1936--Dana X. Bible
1937-1942--Biff Jones
1942-1947--A.J. Lewandowksi
1948-1953--George "Potsy" Clark
1954-1960--J.W. "Bill" Orwig
1961--Charles Miller and Joseph Soshink
1962-1966--Tippy Dye
1967-1993--Bob Devaney
1993-present--Bill Byrne

The University of Nebraska

The University of Nebraska was chartered by the Legislature in 1869 as the state's public university and land-grant institution. Founded in Lincoln, the University of Nebraska was expanded in 1968 into a state educational system now comprising four campuses under the guidance of a Board of Regents and a central administration.

The university's flagship campus, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, includes the agricultural components organized within the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. UNL is Nebraska's only land-grant university and its major comprehensive institution of higher education. For its 24,000 students from all parts of the world, Nebraska offers a wide range of undergraduate, professional, and graduate programs including those leading to the doctorate.

As Nebraska carries out its three-part mission of teaching, research and service, the overall impact of its efforts in each area is greater than the sum of its separate parts, ensuring that the quality of all of its institutional programs is consistent with the expectations and needs of Nebraskans. Nebraska is continuously designing new academic frameworks to provide students with the mental skills and broad perspectives of educated citizens.

Quality instruction is emphasized in Nebraska's eight undergraduate colleges, the Graduate College and the College of Law. The Colleges of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Engineering and Technology, Human Resources and Family Sciences, Journalism and Teachers College offer more than 100 degree programs leading to career opportunities in the arts, the sciences, the humanities and the professions.

Over the years, alumni such as authors Willa Cather and Mari Sandoz, legal educator Roscoe Pound, anthropologist Loren Eisley, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists James Risser and Marjie Lundstrom, presidential advisers such as Ted Sorensen and Clayton Yeutter, Nobel-prize winning scientists such as George W. Beadle and Donald Crum, inventor Harold "Doc" Edgerton and computer pioneer Jay Forrester have enriched the university's tradition of leadership and scholarly excellence.

Nebraska receives more than $50 million annually in grants and contracts from outside sources for research, instruction, public service, administration and student aid. Nebraska receives special funds through an innovative program initiated by the state government for research in areas with potential impact on the state's economic development.

The campus is home to the nationally renowned Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, the Christlieb Collection of Western Art and the Lied Center for Performing Arts. The University of Nebraska State Museum boasts a world-class fossil collection and helped develop Ashfall Fossil Beds State Park, which opened in the summer of 1991.

Noted for its outstanding athletic programs, Nebraska is also noted for the quality of its academic programs for student-athletes. Its Hewit Training Center for student-athletes provides computer labs, study areas, career counseling and other academic support services.

Above: The Mueller Carillon Tower is a campus landmark. Below: The Lied Center is a state-of-the-art performing arts facility. It includes a 2,210-seat auditorium as well as the smaller Johnny Carson Theater for public performances and rehearsals.

Nebraska Academic Support

An Overview of Academic Excellence and Support

The Tradition Continues

A Message From the Director of Academic Programs, Dennis Leblanc

Academic, personal, and professional support are essential to college success. At the University of Nebraska, we have developed an award-winning academic support program which enables student-athletes to realize their full potential. College selection involves the evaluation of many key components, and the most important of those is academic support. NU offers an academic support program integrated with the campus that will assist all student-athletes with the transition into college and continued support in all phases of academic and professional development culminating with graduation, job placement or graduate school.

The Hewit and Boekel Academic Center provides a quiet atmosphere for studying.

Academic Support Facilities-Nation's Best

Most fans of Nebraska athletics are aware of the facilities available to Cornhusker student-athletes.

But fewer people are aware of the nation's finest academic facility for student-athletes. Located under the west stands of Memorial Stadium, the Hewit Center and Boekel Academic Center allow Nebraska's student-athletes to have access to the latest in academic support services.

The $2.3 million academic area originated in 1983 and is nearly 30,000 square feet in size. Initial funding came from the Nebraska football teams' appearance in the inaugural Kickoff Classic in 1983.

The money from that game, combined with generous donations from the Robert and Sue Boekel family and the William and Betty Hewit family, allowed Nebraska student-athletes to have the finest academic support center in the country.

The facility serves nearly 650 student-athletes, houses administrators, counselors, a reading lounge, quiet study area, classroom, conference room, computer lab, study hall and career center.

Not only do Nebraska's current student-athletes benefit from the foresight and generosity of the Hewit's and Boekel's, prospective student-athletes see the nation's largest and finest academic area as a major advantage.

The Academic Experience:

Three Steps to Success

With an enrollment of nearly 25,000 students, the University of Nebraska offers an environment rich in academic tradition. Faculty members at Nebraska have long been recognized for serving students with excellence, distinction, and a level of expertise matched by few.

There are nine academic colleges at the University of Nebraska, and each offers a variety of disciplines for students to select. The colleges are: Agriculture, Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Engineering and Technology, General Studies, Human Resources and Family Sciences Journalism and Mass Communications, and Teachers College.

From the day a student-athlete decides the University of Nebraska is the right place to be, the athletic academic counseling unit provides personal support, academic support and professional development to ensure that they will get the most out of their years as a Cornhusker.

In each of these areas, there are several programs designed to assist each student-athlete to achieve his/her highest level of personal and academic excellence.

The Hewit Center is equipped with the latest in computer technology to assist student-athletes in their academic studies.

Nebraska Academic Support

Academic Support

1. Tutorial Support

One of Nebraska's largest, and perhaps most beneficial support services for student-athletes is the Tutorial Program. The program strives to accomplish several goals and has three basic components designed to help reach these goals. They are: Academic Profile, Subject Tutoring and Mentoring.

2. Supplemental Instruction

Supplemental instruction helps student-athletes ease their transition from the high school classroom to the college classroom.

3. Academic Supervision

An important part of the academic process for student-athletes is the monitoring of their short-term and long-term academic success. Three programs designed to help the student-athlete are: study hall, grade reports, and class attendance.

4. Computer Resources

First-class computer instruction is available and designed to enhance student-athletes' efficiency and performance in the classroom by utilizing a state-of-the-art computer lab.

5. Reading and Writing Lab

The newest program available to Nebraska's student-athletes helps them improve the skills which are imperative for success regardless of the student's academic abilities.

The goal of this lab is to enhance reading and writing skills while reducing student anxiety through student-centered activities focused on current coursework.

Professional Development Counseling at UNL

1. Career Exploration

Knowing that less than one percent of all collegiate athletes advance to professional sports, NU's Athletic Counseling Unit in 1988 pioneered a complete career counseling program for student-athletes.

The career exploration phase has programs designed to help with career selection and clarification. These programs include: interest inventories, DISCOVER (a computerized career guidance and planning program aimed at helping students discover relevant majors and career goals), monthly career nights, career fairs, shadowing experiences, internships and cooperative education.

2. Career Planning

An important aspect of preparing for a career is the teaching of job-development skills. At Nebraska, methods are taught to improve these skills, including: resume development, cover-letter writing, job search strategies, interviewing skills, and graduate, law and professional school placement assistance.

3. Career Placement

Assistance is provided in securing full-time employment upon graduation.

4. Degree Audit Program

Nebraska's Athletic Academic Counseling Unit has a tracking system in place to ensure accurate course selection and provide monitoring of each student-athletes' progress toward a degree in his/her chosen field.

More than 82 percent of scholarship athletes who have exhausted their eligibility have graduated from Nebraska.

Personal Support

1. Orientation

The Academic Athletic Counseling Department coordinates a New Student-Athlete Orientation program which is aimed at helping student-athletes make the delicate transition from high school to college.

2. Personal Counseling

This program is designed to provide the student-athlete with a supportive, caring environment. There are four major areas covered in this program. They are transitional issues, stress management, academic focus, and personal crisis intervention.

3. Multi-Cultural Support

This program is designed to enhance cultural awareness for all student-athletes to help build a supportive, caring environment in which to learn and compete. Support programs have been developed to help student-athletes address concerns within campus life, athletics and society in general.

4. Husker Outreach Program

University of Nebraska student-athletes are encouraged to participate in community-wide programs which help make them become better citizens and better role models for youth in Lincoln and throughout Nebraska. There are four programs available to Cornhusker student-athletes through the Husker Outreach Program. The programs allow participants to come in contact with an estimated 50,000 prepsters annually.

5. Drug Education and Continuing Support Program

Evaluation and support systems designed to educate and support student-athletes for a drug-free life are the hallmark of this unique program. Among the services available are: Assessment, Education, Personal Development, and Support.

6. Preparation for Life After Sports

Seminars and counseling support aimed at helping student-athletes with the disengagement from athletics is one of the most important areas of Nebraska's entire Athletic Academic Counseling Unit.

Nebraska Academic Support

The Hewit and Boekel Center staff. (From left) Dennis Leblanc, Keith Zimmer, Sonya Varnell and Trina Kudlacek.

NU Academic Support Unit Earns The College Athletic Management Award of Excellence

The Athletic Academic Counseling Unit at the University of Nebraska was No. 1 in the nation as it was awarded the first-ever Award of Excellence for Academic Support from College Athletic Management Magazine (CAM) and Russell Athletic in 1991.

A staff of four academic counselors oversee programs for NU's student-athletes. Dennis Leblanc is the director, Keith Zimmer is the interim assistant director and career counselor, Trina Kudlacek is an academic counselor and Sonya Varnell is the coordinator of multicultural athletic programs.

The success of Nebraska's athletic academic counseling unit is reflected in the achievements of its student-athletes. More Cornhusker student-athletes have been selected to the GTE Academic All-America team than any other school in the country and more Huskers have earned academic All-Big Eight honors than any other conference school.

In addition, no school has had more athletes receive the NCAA's highest award, Today's Top Six, than the University of Nebraska. In addition, Cornhusker athletes have been awarded the third-highest number of NCAA post-graduate scholarships to help further their educations.

The CAM Committee was impressed with the far-ranging services provided by Nebraska's athletic academic/career counseling department, and made special mention of the department's Career Counseling Unit for Student-Athletes. This program is innovative as it helps student-athletes focus on graduation goals and points them toward career opportunities.

The selection committee stated it best when they referred to the NU program as a role model for other college athletic departments.

Awards and Honors Received by The University of Nebraska

NCAA Top Six Award

The most prestigious honor a student-athlete at an NCAA member institution can win is the Today's Top Six Award. The University of Nebraska is proud to claim it has had more student-athletes win this award than any other school. Last year, football standout Trev Alberts was NU's 10th recipient of the prestigious Top Six Award.

Beginning with football standout Randy Schleusener, nine Cornhusker student-athletes, seven men and two women, have been selected as Today's Top Six winners including: Randy Schleusener, Football, 1980; Dave Rimington, Football, 1981; Mark Traynowicz, Football, 1985; Tom Schlesinger, Gymnastics, 1989; Virginia Stahr, Volleyball, 1990; Jake Young, Football, 1990; Patrick Kirksey, Gymnastics, 1991; Patrick Tyrance, Football, 1991; Janet Kruse, Volleyball, 1992; and Alberts, Football 1994.

GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America Teams

Since 1952, sports information directors have selected Academic All-America teams from qualified student-athletes representing eight different sports.

The University of Nebraska has had more male and female student-athletes selected as Academic All-Americans than any other school in either the University or College Divisions.

As of June, 1994, the University of Nebraska has seen a total of 117 student-athletes receive the award, 39 more than second-place Illinois Wesleyan and Bucknell (78). Nebraska also leads the nation in first-team GTE Academic All-Americans with 70.

Nebraska leads the nation in Academic All-America selections in all sports combined. Nebraska has also had 10 winners of the NCAA Top Six Award, more than any other school in the nation.

Nebraska Athletic Facilities

Nebraska Weight Room

One of the pioneers in the development of strength and conditioning as a key part of any athletic program, the University of Nebraska expanded its Strength Complex in the West Stadium to 30,000 square feet in 1989, making it the largest on a college campus in the country.

Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Performance Boyd Epley heads a staff of five full-time strength coaches who use their own knowledge and a wide array of equipment and tests to provide one of the top strength training programs in the country. Evaluation, goal-oriented programs, supervision and state-of-the-art facilities help Husker athletes become bigger, stronger, faster and more flexible.

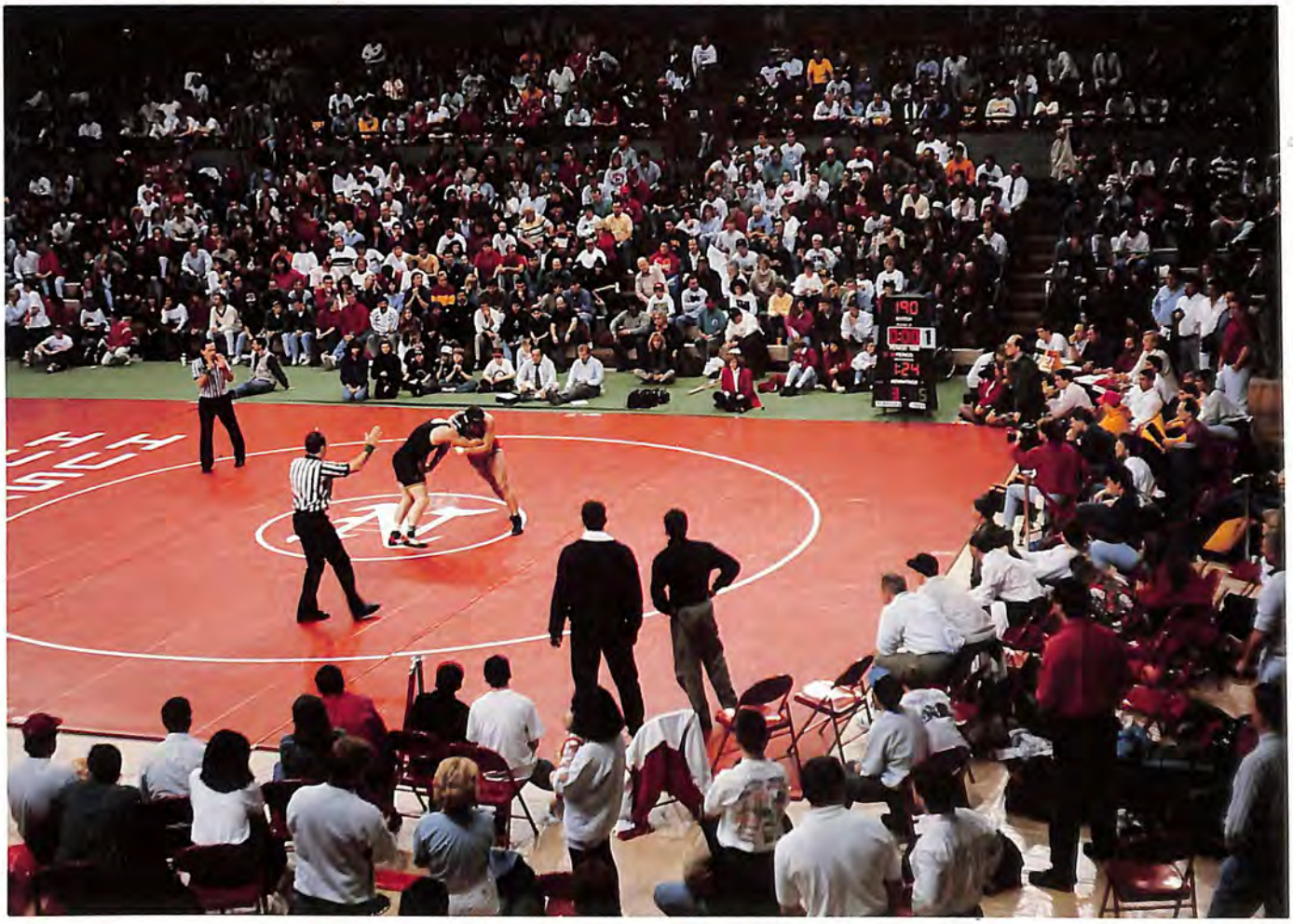
Nebraska Medical Facilities

Nebraska's locker room and training room facilities on the lower level of the South Stadium Office Building are among the best-equipped in the nation.

Director of Athletic Medicine Dr. Lonnie Albers and Head trainer and physical therapist Jerry Weber head a team of seven full-time trainers, including three registered physical therapists and a physician's assistant. Six doctors are also available to treat Husker athletes.

Athletic Training Table

The Hewit Center, opened in the West Stadium in 1985 and expanded in 1989, houses Nebraska's outstanding year-round training table which provides lunch and dinner for NU athletes. The training table is under the supervision of the Athletic Performance team, including Director of Performance Nutrition Dave Ellis. The West Stadium also includes NU's academic center and offices for the Nebraska Athletic Department's fund-raising arm.



Cliff Keen National Dual Meet Championships

For the third consecutive season, Nebraska will host the Cliff Keen National Dual Meet Championships, a mid-season meeting of the nation's top dual teams. The tournament is scheduled for Jan. 21-22, 1995, at the Nebraska Coliseum (pictured above), site of the two previous National Dual tournaments held at Nebraska. The meet will include 16 of the nation's top dual teams from Divisions I, II and III and the NAIA ranks. Last year's meet saw eventual national champion Oklahoma State defeat Iowa in the finals of the tournament. This year's field includes the top eight finishers from the 1994 National Duals, including Oklahoma State, Iowa, Penn State, North Carolina, Nebraska, Iowa State, Central Oklahoma and Fresno State. At-large bids were extended to Arizona State, Indiana, Michigan State, Ohio University, Oregon State, Pittsburgh, Division III runner-up Wartburg (Iowa) and NAIA co-champion Western Montana. For media information/credentials contact Keith Mann, Nebraska Sports Information, 116 South Memorial Stadium, P.O. Box 880123, Lincoln, NE 68588-0123, or phone (402) 472-2263 or by FAX at (402) 472-2005. For ticket information contact the Athletic Ticket Office at (402) 472-3111.

National Dual Meet Championships Schedule

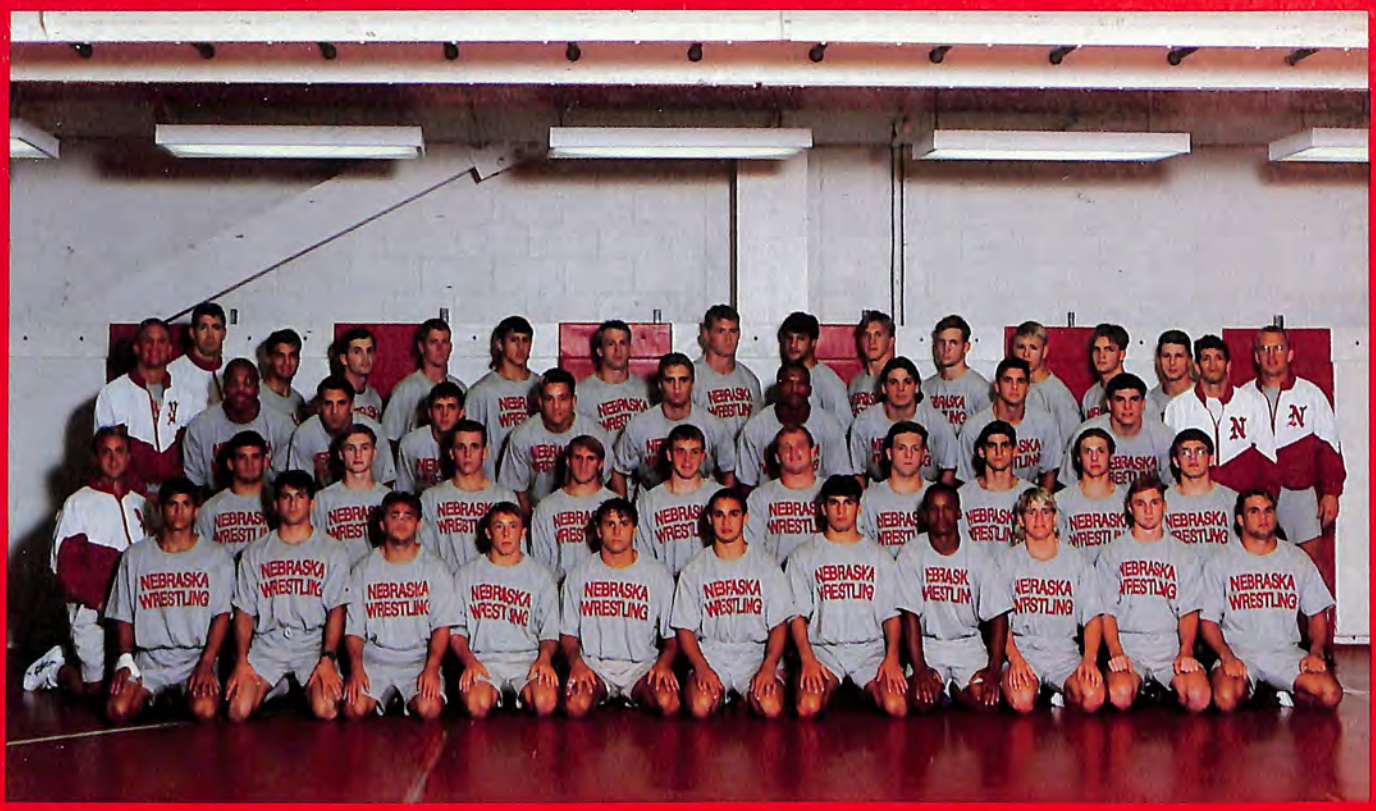
Jan. 21	First Round	9 a.m.
	Semifinals	8 p.m.
Jan. 22	Consolation Matches	11 a.m.
	Championship Finals	2 p.m.

Big Eight Championships

The University of Nebraska will play host to the 1995 Big Eight Championships on Sunday, March 5, in the Nebraska Coliseum. This year will mark the first time the Huskers have hosted the conference meet since 1990. In that season, the Huskers placed second behind league champion Oklahoma State. For media information/credentials for the Big Eight Championships contact Keith Mann, Nebraska Sports Information. For ticket information, contact the Athletic Ticket Office at (402) 472-3111.

Big Eight Championships Schedule

March 5	First Round	11 a.m.
	Finals	8 p.m.



The 1994-95 Nebraska Wrestling team. Front row (from left)--Jeff Nielsen, Tony DeAnda, Matt Infranca, Steve Baer, Brad Canoyer, Jose DeAnda, Chauncey Parker, Jeramie Welder, Jason Reitmeier and Matt McDonnell. Second row--Wrestling trainer Doug Edwards, Chris Steele, Derrick Kraus , Richard Ott, Dustin Morris, Terry McCreary, Jason Schumacher, Ryan Bauer, Jake Roe, Troy Williams and Michael Liles. Third row--Volunteer Assistant Corey Olson, Kenny Mbah, Todd Baer, Allen Hankins, Jason Kraft, Jeremy Boczulak, Temoer Terry, Mike Eierman, Mike Roller, Joe Flasnick, Assistant Coach Brad Penrith. Back row--Assistant Coach Mark Cody, Chad Pike, Joe Stephens, Dave Richards, Scott Munson, Chad Nelson, Tolly Thompson, Kalin Makaiwi, Ryan Tobin, Monte Christensen, Matt Holovach, Clint Elsasser, Erik Josephson, Head Coach Tim Neumann.

1994-95 Nebraska Schedule

Date	Meet	Location	Time
Nov. 6	Iowa State Open	Ames, Iowa	All Day
Nov. 13	Wyoming Open	Laramie, Wyo.	All Day
Nov. 19	Omaha Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 26	Mat Town Invitational	Lock Haven, Pa.	All Day
Dec. 3	Iowa State (Parents' Night)	Lincoln, Neb.	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	Cal-State Fullerton	Fullerton, Calif.	2 p.m.
Dec. 17	Cal-Poly	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	10 p.m.
Dec. 18	Fresno State	Fresno, Calif.	2 p.m.
Dec. 18	Cal-State Bakersfield	Bakersfield, Calif.	9:30 p.m.
Jan. 4	Wyoming	Bassett, Neb.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Great Plains Open	Lincoln, Neb.	9 a.m.
Jan. 10	Minnesota (Poster Night)	Lincoln, Neb.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21-22	National Dual Championships	Lincoln, Neb.	9 a.m.
Jan. 27	at Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	at Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	2 p.m.
Feb. 4	Clemson/James Madison/Ohio State	Clemson, S.C.	10 a.m.
Feb. 10	Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls, Iowa	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Nebraska-Omaha (Senior Night)	Lincoln, Neb.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	7:30 p.m.
March 5	Big Eight Championships	Lincoln, Neb.	11 a.m.
March 16-18	NCAA Championships	Iowa City, Iowa	All Day

Home matches in red at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. National Dual Meet Championships and Big Eight Championships to be held at the Nebraska Coliseum. For Husker ticket information contact the Athletic Ticket Office at (402) 472-3111.